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Celebrating and Protecting America's Tradition of Religious Pluralism

*By Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson and
Dr. Janice Marie Johnson*

Two of our church members, Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson and Dr. Janice Marie Johnson, were invited to a special Convening at The White House. It took place on December 17 and was entitled *Celebrating and Protecting America's Tradition of Religious Pluralism*.

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The White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships invited them to join in celebrating the American traditions of religious inclusion, freedom and cooperation among those with different beliefs. Officials discussed steps they were taking to promote and protect these traditions. The attendees had the opportunity to discuss efforts to carry these traditions forward and to work in small groups to ensure success.

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Welcome New Members

Gisella and Edward Chlanda

Say Hello to Our New Ministry Assistant

Irene Jenkins is delighted to join the Community Church this month to serve as a Ministry Assistant. She spends her weekdays as a chaplain at the VA Hospital with a focus on mental health and wellness. Irene began her career as a boarding school teacher and has always been passionate about 'living the big questions' in the context of community life. She attended Harvard Divinity School and focused on the intersection of faith and politics. Since then she has worked to deepen her spiritual practice through meditation and Buddhist teachings. She is passionate about the UU tradition and is eager to journey with Community Church. When she has free time Irene can be found running around Prospect Park and catching live music shows around the city.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Herbert Krampner
- 3 Dorothy James
- 3 Hana Dolgin
- 3 Anne Kelemen
- 3 Lori Vlaeminck
- 4 Wade Hampton
- 4 Kyree Hurd
- 5 Leonore Tiefer
- 9 Etta Green Johnson
- 12 Judith Coppock Gex
- 19 Gerard Byrne
- 20 Eugene Flynn
- 22 Valerie Sarris
- 23 Rosetta Pervan
- 23 Modesto Matos
- 24 Marjorie Vai
- 27 Natalie Webb
- 28 Kathleen Polkabila

"The Silent Choir"

The Music Committee would like to thank the following members whose generous financial support has helped make the evening possible.

Sandy Brooks	Philip Hough	Ellen Mandelbaum
Gerald A. Brown	Dorothy James	Joel Mandelbaum
Louise B. Brown	Nancy L. Jennings	Gladys M. McNatt
Mary Lou Cary	Anthony Johnson	Brenda Shrobe
Sam Gale	Eiko Kato	Bruce Southworth
Maureen A. Holder	Reena Kondo	Odella Washington
Nancy Hough	Jody Leight	Kay Xanthakos
	Vera Lilly	

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Jack Seiferth
- 2 Michael Orzechowski
- 3 Jeff Cioletti
- 6 Jennifer Hampshire
- 7 John Quinn
- 15 Asfaha Hadera
- 18 Dorothy Francis
- 20 Danielline Martinez
- 21 Marsha Peru
- 22 Rev. Dr. Anthony Johnson
- 23 Felicia Sobel
- 28 Betty Vera
- 30 Delores Browne
- 30 Joshua Douglass

Serving as Delegates to Represent Community Church

Please consider serving as a delegate to the General Assembly (will be held in Columbus, OH, June 22-26) or the UU Metro District Annual Meeting (will be held in Morristown, NJ, May 6-7). Links for applications will be available soon. Any questions or to apply, contact Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, vlynch@ccny.or or 212-683-4988, ext. 19.

Holiday Greens Fund

We thank the following Community members and friends for their contributions to the Holiday Greens Fund

Deborah de Bauernfeind
Nancy L. Jennings
Bruce Southworth
Kay Xanthakos

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Tenebrae ~ Friday, March 25

Easter with our *Balloon Benediction* and
New Member Welcome ~ March 27



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Lois Ross Debuts at Carnegie Hall

Brenda Carpenter Osayim

Kudos! to church member *Lois Ross*, who debuted at Carnegie Hall on December 19, 2015. Lois opened *Passion Through Performance* in Zankel Auditorium with a stellar rendition of *Arabesque No. 1* by Claude Debussy. The concert was presented by the Amateur Classical Musicians Association (ACMA), founded in 2007 by Alberto De Salas.

Lois auditioned with De Salas via telephone. According to the PLAYBILL bio, she discovered her love of piano at age eight. She began under the inspiring tutelage of a local teacher and went on to study technique, theory, harmony and composition at CUNY (Brooklyn and Hunter) and at the Juilliard School, and then taught music in the NYC public schools for almost 25 years. Since retirement, Lois has played chamber music at the 92nd St. Y and performed solo pieces at Community Church, Ethical Culture Society, and the Turtle Bay School.

Arabesque No. 1 is recognizable by many non-musicians as the theme song from the PBS program, *Star Gazer*. Although the PLAYBILL notes proclaim, “there is little about the *Arabesque No. 1* that can be associated with anything in the astral realm,” Lois’

rendition of the Debussy composition, in my opinion, was the closest thing to angels singing ever imaginable!

Former church member, Marcia Ostwind, who also plays classical piano and who attended the concert, said a spiritual hush greeted Lois’ performance. “The work was played with extreme sensitivity and delicacy,” said Marcia.

A diverse program of amateur musicians worldwide, ACMA is currently in its ninth season and has held over 110 concerts, ten of them at Carnegie Hall. Other highlights on the December 19 program included a performance of works by Handel, Corelli and Caccini by the Renaissance Steel Chamber Ensemble, an all-Caribbean “steel pan band” that specializes in Baroque compositions, and several operatic songs by tenor Ariel Maida of Buenos Aires.

In addition to members and former members of Community Church, Lois’ Carnegie Hall debut was also attended by her daughters, Amy and Joan of Maryland and California, respectively, and by her granddaughter Melissa.

Renewed Arabic Workshop

Brenda Carpenter Osayim

Most Americans don’t realize it, but we are taught, almost from the moment we are born, to be afraid of Arabs and Arabic-speaking peoples. There is so much fear-mongering in our culture today – perpetuating fear of “the other,” in the textbooks, in the movies, in the newspapers, in our own homes and in our own heads: Arabs are “the bad guys.”

I, personally, have grown weary of this Stone-Age way of thinking. I am not afraid of Arabs, Palestinian or otherwise. That’s why I take it upon myself to teach Arabic (I learned it at the Defense Language Institute while serving in the Army) as a means of broadening the spectrum of understanding between us and the rest of the world, and hopefully, narrowing the chasm that threatens to swallow us all if we don’t do *something* to learn to live with people who are not exactly like us.

This ongoing Arabic-language workshop has been excellent for beginners who have little or no experience with non-European languages. I use a combination of tools to enhance learning and render it a fun and painless experience. I get my rewards when

someone who begins without any knowledge of Arabic comes back to the class and shares with us the fruits of a meaningful experience, whether it be an exchange with a vendor at a falafel stand or a life-affirming trip abroad.

Join us, if you can, Sundays once per month beginning January 17th from 1 pm to 3 pm at The Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist, 28 East 35th St. (John Haynes Holmes Community House). Monthly sessions will run through June and are FREE and open to the public. Bring a notebook that lays flat and a pen or pencil, an open mind, and an eagerness to learn the native language of thousands of literary figures going back through the centuries.

By the way, the reason I call it a “workshop” is because I tend to learn as much from my students as they learn from me, sometimes more. Come prepared to share your experiences with the rest of us so that we can all broaden our horizons while we learn.

For more information: 347.798.5991

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Yoga – Breath and Health

By Nafisa Degani

Yoga is a technology that works for everyone; it does not recognize caste, creed or color. It is very simple; if you do the right thing, you will experience the right results. Most of us find this is true with discipline and practice. Our yoga class meets bi-weekly in a pleasant space to practice and breathe – “Breathe In” and “Breathe Out”. We concentrate mainly on asanas (yoga postures) that activate the three chakras below the heart. Asanas help stabilize and balance the body. It is said that when the chakras below the heart are established, the chakras above the heart open and yield with grace.

We focus on breath and listen to the sound of breath. Even more deeply we listen to the sound within the sound of breath, noticing the space between inhalations and exhalations. We move the spine in undulating motions, with prayer and breath to feel a sense of calm in the body. Sages have said we can control our emotions by controlling the breath. We practice breathing in various ways to internalize mindful breath. We gather together to breathe, move and pray as one body. This combination has a meditative and calming effect on our bodies.

Over time, the body begins to feel better. The diaphragm (internal skeletal muscle) gets stretched during practice and the capacity of the lungs expands as we breathe deeply. The joints get lubricated with repetitive movements, chanting/breath; very slowly the rigidity of the body diminishes. Balance and harmony is restored in the body in tiny increments.

Energy must be allowed to flow freely through the physical body—controlled and directed by the depth and scope of breath. When energy is blocked, the body feels sluggish and vitality suffers. As we play and explore different movements and deep breath, we oftentimes find that magical moment when the body settles into stillness in a posture – relaxed, comfortable, steady and still. We learn to enjoy the freedom of breath and movement. We feel the sensation of releasing inertia and restoring energy in the body.

It is natural to close the eyes when doing asanas as one can then notice the distinction between the inner and outer sight in order to focus more clearly. This brings enjoyment from ever-changing inner images that accompany breath and movement. All transformation occurs from the inside out. It is from inward turning and inward focusing, that creativity and intuition awaken over time. So much happens in the body – cells pulsating, heart beating, blood flowing, digestion taking place, lungs expanding/contracting, neurons firing in the brain, yet we are blissfully unaware of everything inside our bodies as all our senses are turned outward.

The body knows the way to wellness. Trusting the wisdom of breath to lead the way is the key to allowing each posture to find its pathway in the body. This way the postures take root in the body. The first step to learning to know yourself is to learn how to breathe; to do it deeply, taking full belly breaths. This is the groundwork of our yoga class every week.

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Sunday School – 11 am

All Children and Youth are Welcome!

Contact Esther Rosado, Director of Lifespan Religious Education
212-683-4988 ext. 23. erosado@ccny.org

Classical Vocal Arts for Children

Sundays, Feb 14/28 and March 13, 12:30-2 pm, Gallery

No session on Easter Sunday, March 27. Regular Sessions – 2nd and 4th Sundays

Cheryl Warfield, Artistic Director of Manhattan Opera Repertory Ensemble, known as MOREOpera, will offer a year-long series of classical vocal arts for children and youth, including music appreciation and chorus training program open to all children aged 6-14 (some flexibility) so invite family, friends and neighbors too. There will be no tuition fee. For more information contact Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, vlynch@ccny.org or 212-683-4988, ext. 19.



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Celebrating and Protecting America's Tradition of Religious Pluralism



Hope's Highlight

To be in a hall in THE White House that was filled with representatives of many different faith communities in terms of belief and non-belief gave me a glimpse of what the Beloved Community can look like. People—all kinds of people—some with identifiable symbols of faith, others without—all trying to make the world a better, safer, kinder place with room for each of us to live with dignity. I deeply appreciated the storytelling when I heard about how we come together, particularly in these difficult times. Those of us in that hall might not have had the answers, but we did have the passion and enthusiasm to move love forward. I was also pleased and proud that Unitarian Universalism was numbered amongst the represented faith communities.

Janice's Highlight

I was deeply moved seeing and hearing the brother of Deah Shaddy Barakat, one of the three Muslim students killed last February in Chapel Hill, NC. He noted that he attended to bear witness to the possibility of this new day, to do his part to ensure that the killings stop. His brother Deah Shaddy, 23 was killed along with Deah Shaddy's new wife, Yusor Mohammad Abu-Salha, 21 and her 19-year-old sister, Razan Mohammad Abu-Salha.

Dr. Robby Jones, Chief Executive Officer of the Public Religion Research Institute, offered fascinating information from his research. Four compelling highlights follow:

- Looking to the future: fewer white Protestants and Catholics, more Hispanic Protestants and Catholics, plus more religiously unaffiliated Americans.
- Multi-religious families and identities are on the rise.
- Fewer Americans today believe the U.S. is a Christian nation.
- Even as religious and ethnic diversity increases, for most Americans close friendships remain with people in their own faith tradition.

See www.publicreligion.org for more information.

The Interfaith Alliance has been part of a coalition developing "Know Your Neighbor," an initiative to promote interfaith understanding among Americans. It was launched at the Convening. As Rabbi Jack Moline noted, "It was an exhausting and exhilarating day to support collective efforts on religious freedom." The notion of faith-based and community partnerships is alive and well. The interpersonal connections attendees made with each other will surely move this work forward. We are excited about the establishment of inter-agency "round tables" that have historically signaled new legislative initiatives and feel in this new era, faith-based partners will be part of the discussion from the design stage.

Hope and Janice feel privileged and blessed to have participated in this special Convening.

HOLIDAY PARTY & CONCERT AT COMMUNITY



Last month, the children and youth members of Classical Vocal Arts for Children (CVAC) gave a spirited performance of holiday favorites during the Community Church Holiday party. Eleven boys and girls ages 5 to 10 sang exuberantly and delighted the audience with several seasonal songs including *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*, *Angels We Have Heard on High*, the *Twelve Days of Christmas*, and a lovely rendition of *Silent Night* sung in Spanish by Samantha Ortiz.

Community Church of NY Unitarian Universalist youth members Ivan and Elektra Birchall aptly hosted the presentation, introducing the songs and the performers with flair and humor. You are cordially invited to CVAC's Black History Month presentation "I Have a Dream" in song and prose on Sunday, February 28 at 12:30 pm in the Assembly Hall. We look forward to singing for you in February.





January 10 – March 20, 2016
Artists' Reception ~ Now February 6, 6-8 pm
Closing Event: March 20, 2:30-2 pm

The **Winter Collection** is the second in our series of “season” exhibits named solely for the time of year — not the art! Although there is at least one very large painting showing a winter scene, the exhibit actually includes work exploring a wide range of subjects.

Thirteen artists are showing their work in a variety of media including oil, acrylic, watercolor, digital, wood cut and graphite. Copper and gold will be glimmering on Karen Fitzgerald's oil paintings.

A highlight of the exhibit is a self-portrait by Gallery35 founding member Kevin Maxwell!

*If you were unable to attend the artists' reception in January, you will have another chance to meet the artists at a **Closing Event** following coffee hour on Sunday, March 20 from 12:30 to 2 pm. Light refreshments will be served.*

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OPPORTUNITIES 2016

Classical Vocal Arts for Children – Sundays, Feb 14/28 and March 13, 12:30-2 pm, Gallery No session on Easter Sunday, March 27. (Regular Schedule – 2nd and 4th Sundays)

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I Have a Dream Concert – Sunday, Feb 28, 12:45 pm

The Children of our Vocal Arts class will perform in honor of Black History Month. Everyone is welcome.

Living in Gratitude – Second of two Forums with Dr. Janice Marie Johnson

Sunday, February 14, 1-2:30 pm, Assembly Hall

We will explore the notion of gratitude and the rich role that it plays in our respective lives. This forum will give us the opportunity to exchange our thoughts, in hopes that we can share our gratitude with and for each other throughout this new year – and beyond.

Hatha Yoga with Nafisa Degani – Tuesdays, 6-7:30 pm and Saturdays, 12:30-2 pm, Rear Lounge

Hatha Yoga is a branch of yoga which concentrates on physical health and mental well-being. Hatha yoga uses bodily postures (asanas), breathing techniques (pranayama), and meditation (dyana) with the goal of bringing about a sound, healthy body and a clear, peaceful mind. Please bring a yoga mat to the class. (No sessions on major holiday weekends.)

NYC Street Singers – Most Tuesdays, 7 pm, 3rd Floor Classroom

The NYC Streetsingers are now doing community outreach with Sing for Hope, a volunteer artists program that performs in Healthcare facilities throughout NYC. Open to all who also believe in the transformative power of the arts to inspire and unite, please join us on Tuesday evenings. For more information please contact clisbin25@aol.com

Green Sanctuary Book Discussion

6:00–6:30pm - Noshing & Socializing ~*please bring something to share* ~ / 6:30– 8:30pm – Discussion, Gallery
Tuesday, February 9, Gallery – *The Sixth Extinction* by Elizabeth Kolbert

Tuesdays, March 22, (and April 5 and 19, and May 3 and 17),
Title: *Change is Our Choice* – Northwest Earth Institute (NWEI)

Arabic Workshop – Sunday, February 21 & March 20, 1-3 pm, 3rd Floor Classroom

A chance to learn a new language! The Arabic workshop will be back in January – Especially for Beginners!

Exploring World Religions – Sunday, February 21 and March 20, 1 pm, Conference Room

This series presents a basic picture of nine World Religions, using video and other imaging, text, commentary, and sometimes art and music. The class is facilitated by Rev. Dr. Orlanda Brugnola.

Gallery35 –The Winter Collection

Open Gallery – Sunday, February 7, 1-2 pm, Gallery

Closing Reception – Sunday, March 20, 12:30-2 pm, Gallery

Last chances to view Gallery35's winter show featuring works by church members and friends, all talented Gallery35 artists.

Engaged Conversations: Secular Buddhism's Support for Daily Practice

Sundays, February 28 & March 13, 12:45-2:30 pm, Assembly Hall
Alan Oliver is facilitating a Secular Buddhism study. In addition to discussions on immediate issues of concern, the sessions will include presentations and discussions on the following remaining topics: *Navigating In Time*; and *Exploring the Traditions in Buddhism*.

Social Tea – Last Tuesdays, February 23 & March 29, 2-3:30 pm, Assembly Hall

Join us for a guest speakers, conversation and light refreshments.

Secular Humanist Society of New York Book Club

First Thursdays – Thursdays, February 4 & March 3, 7-8:30 pm, Front Lounge

Some of us will have dinner together afterwards at a nearby (inexpensive) restaurant. Please join us. Join us even if you haven't finished reading. The book club is open to all – and free!

February: *BEFORE RELIGION: A History of a Modern Concept* Brent Nongbri

March: *THIS IDEA MUST DIE: Scientific Theories that are Blocking Progress* John Brockman, Ed.

First Saturday Feeding of the Hungry in the Bowery

First Saturdays, February 6 & March 5, 10:45 am-12 pm

We invite you to help the Sai Baba Group feed the hungry on the First Saturday of each month. We meet on Forsyth, just south of Houston at 10:45 am. Please bring vegetarian food to share with the over 100 people who come. This is an outdoor event so dress for the weather. For more information contact Valerie Lynch at vlynch@ccny.org or 212-683-4988.

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Anti-Racism Team

The team offers films and discussions on various Sundays.
The next film title will be announced soon.

Continuing the Journey

First Sundays, February 7 & March 6, 12:45-2 pm, Front Lounge
And/or Third Thursdays, February 18 & March 17, 6-7:15 pm
Do you wonder why your decisions are encumbered with old feelings? We will be exploring loss, sadness, stress, frustrations and discovering forgiveness, healing, serenity and calmness. These sessions follow the format of the meditation and conversation circles that began this summer. Series will be led by Barbara Simpson, Hospice Chaplain

Studying Humanism

Last Mondays, February 29 & March 28, 6:30-8:30 pm,
Conference Room
A monthly study group facilitated by John Rafferty of the Secular Humanist Society of New York.

Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship/ Lenten Event

Thursday, March 24, 7:30-9 pm, Front Lounge
The Lenten event will be a Maundy Thursday Chapel and Communion Service. Everyone is welcome.

Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, April 3, 12:45 pm
Assembly Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend. Voting Members will be voting for church leaders and several other matters. Lunch will be available.
Agenda

World Events – Sunday, March 6, 1-2:30 pm, Assembly Hall
(Tentative Date)

Shaun Randol, our church board vice-chair, founded *The Mantle*, an online magazine focused on world issues over 15 years ago. Join in a conversation about world events with Shaun and his managing editor Corrie Hulse, as they share their knowledge, experiences and relationships they have with people around the globe.

Card Making Circle – Sunday, February 7, 1-3 pm, Gallery
Join us for afternoon of crafting fun (while surrounded by beautiful artwork). Make cards for holidays or other special occasions. Supplies will be provided but feel free to bring your own as well.

Black History Month Event – February 7

Ms. Bertha Lewis – Founder The Black Institute
11 am Morning Worship and 12:45 pm Discussion

Governance/Committee Meetings:

Please note there may be changes due to holidays

Board of Trustees Meetings – 4th Wednesdays, 6:30-9 pm, Gallery

Church Council Meetings – Meets Quarterly

Next meeting Wednesday, February 10, 6:30-7:30 pm, Gallery

Finance Committee – 3rd Wednesdays, 6 pm, Gallery

Buildings and Grounds Committee – 1st Mondays, 6 pm,
Conference Room

UN and Global Affairs Committee – 2nd Sundays, 1-2:15 pm,
Conference Room

Gallery35 – 1st Wednesdays, 6:30-9 pm Gallery

Other Opportunities



Most Saturdays, 8 pm, Assembly Hall ~ www.peoplesvoicecafe.org
No show March 26

Esperanto Society – Third Fridays, 7 pm, 3rd Floor Classroom
(Sept-May)

Henry George School is offering classes at Community on various evenings. Community Church Members and Friends are welcome – no fee. For more information contact (212) 889-8020 or email info@hgsss.org.

BJ's Place Needs Volunteers



Our shelter, BJ's Place, provides ten men with a warm and safe place to sleep – and a welcoming atmosphere. Volunteers are always needed and training is provided. The shelter operates 365 days per year and volunteers are asked to be available 1 night every 6-8 weeks (7 pm to 7 am). Can you offer a night? Contact Lisa Gluck (917-887-4214) or Austin

Publicover (646-393-7035) for more information. The Shelter Committee coordinates our shelter volunteers. Come to a meeting on the second Sunday of the month at 9:30 am to learn more.

Events Calendar for February 2016

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1 6:00 Buildings & Grounds	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 9:30 Choir Rehearsal 11:00 Morning Worship 11:00 Sunday School 12:15 Fellowship Hour 12:45 Classical Vocal Arts for Children 12:45 Continuing the Journey 1:00 Anti-Racism Team 1:00 Card Making Circle 1:00 Open Gallery	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 Valentine's Day 11:00 Morning Worship 11:00 Sunday School 12:15 Fellowship Hour 12:45 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal 12:45 Vocal Arts for Children 1:00 Living in Gratitude 1:00 UN & Global Affairs	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21 9:30 Choir Rehearsal 11:00 Morning Worship 11:00 Sunday School 12:00 Secular Buddhism 12:15 Fellowship Hour 12:45 Volunteer Choir 12:45 Classical Vocal Arts for Children 1:00 Exploring World Religions	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 9:30 Choir Rehearsal 11:00 Morning Worship Music Service 11:00 Sunday School 12:00 Secular Buddhism 12:15 Fellowship Hour 12:45 Volunteer Choir 12:45 Classical Vocal Arts for Children <i>I Have a Dream Concert</i> 12:45 Engaged Conversations: Secular Buddhism
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani 6:30 Green Sanctuary Book Discussion	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15 Presidents' Day Holiday	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 2:00 Social Tea 6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29 (Leap Year) 6:30 Studying Humanism
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 6:00 Church Council Potluck 6:30 Church Council Meeting	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11 6:00 Continuing the Journey	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 6:00 Board of Trustees	
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4 7:00 Secular Humanist Book Club	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12 7:00 Esperanto Society	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 6:00 Finance Committed		
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5 6:30 Henry George School	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13 12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani 8:00 Peoples' Voice Café	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18 6:00 Continuing the Journey		
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6 10:45 1st Saturday Feeding 12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani 6:00 Gallery35 Artists' Reception 8:00 Peoples' Voice Café		SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani 8:00 Peoples' Voice Café		

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Credits & Guidelines

Members are encouraged to submit articles to *Community Connections*. The submission deadline is the first Wednesday of the month prior to issue date. Submissions can be emailed to info@ccny.org or hand delivered to the Church. Articles submitted are subject to proofing and editing for clarity, brevity, grammar, punctuation, spelling and content.



Music At Community

Join Gerald A. Brown
 Music Director,
 for our annual Music Service ~ FEBRUARY 28
 Volunteer Choir Rehearsals
 Sundays February 7, 14, 21 from 12:45 to 2 pm

Free Tax Filing at Community Church AARP Offering

Every Thursday from February 4 through April 14, AARP volunteers, who are certified by the IRS, will be available to do your tax returns, free. Yes, there is no cost and no income limit. We prepare taxes using computers and must file all returns electronically. AARP Tax-Aide is the largest free tax assistance and preparation service in the United States. Each Thursday, hours will be 10 am to 2 pm. We will take taxpayers on a first come, first served basis. As there is a limit of how many returns we can do in one day, we may not be able to take you if we already have the maximum number of taxpayers we can assist. In that case, we may ask you to come the following week or suggest you visit another one of our sites in Manhattan or the Bronx. So come early and bring everything that is pertinent.

Events Calendar for March 2016

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani
7:00 Streetsingers

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

6:30 Gallery35

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

7:00 Secular Humanist Book Club

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

10:45 1st Saturday Feeding
12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani
8:00 Peoples' Voice Café

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

9:30 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Morning Worship
(Annual Women's Service)
11:00 Sunday School
12:15 Fellowship Hour
12:45 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal
12:45 Classical Vocal Arts for Children
12:45 Continuing the Journey
1:00 World Events

MONDAY, MARCH 7

6:00 Buildings & Grounds

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani
6:00 Green Sanctuary Book Group
7:00 Streetsingers

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

7:00 Esperanto Society

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani
1:00 Community Women Luncheon/Lecture
8:00 People's Voice Café

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Day Light Savings Time begins
(Set clock forward 1 hour)

9:30 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Morning Worship
11:00 Sunday School
12:15 Fellowship Hour
12:45 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal
1:00 Exploring World Religions
12:45 Engaged Conversations: Secular Buddhism
1:00 UN & Global Affairs

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani
7:00 Streetsingers

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

6:00 Finance Committee

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

6:00 Continuing the Journey

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani

SUNDAY, MARCH 20 (Spring Begins)

9:30 Choir Rehearsal
9:45 UN Global Affairs
11:00 Morning Worship
11:00 Sunday School
12:30 Gallery35 – The Winter Collection Closing Reception
12:15 Fellowship Hour
12:45 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal
1:00 Arabic Workshop
1:00 Exploring World Religions

MONDAY, MARCH 21

6:30 Studying Humanism

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani
6:30 Green Sanctuary Book Discussion
7:00 Streetsingers

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

6:00 Green Sanctuary Book Discussion
6:00 Board of Trustees

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

7:30 UU Christian Fellowship

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

Good Friday – Tenebrae Service

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani
8:00 People's Voice Café

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

Easter Sunday
BALLOONS! BALLOONS!

MONDAY, MARCH 28

6:30 Studying Humanism

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

2:00 Social Tea
6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani

SAVE THE DATE ~ ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, April 3, 12:45 pm

Plan to attend our Annual Congregational Meeting. All members who joined prior to January 1 and have made a "financial contribution of record" are eligible to vote. Please contact Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, if you have any questions.

Rev. Bruce Southworth, Senior Minister

Esther Rosado, Director of Lifespan Religious Education

Gerald A. Brown, Director of Music

Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator

Rev. Dr. Orlanda Brugnola, Affiliate Minister



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In Memory of Rev. Dr. Orlanda Brugnola

*We will miss the many gifts Orlanda gave to our
community in her years with us!*

Memorial Service, April 17 – 3:30 pm

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you gather things up
you gather things up in quietness
intent on the details
others do not see
things that change lives
and yet go by without thanks



you know the import
of those small things
and the stories of those
who
made the difference

you make them visible as a gem
hunter
strikes a geode
and from plain gray rock opens an
inner chamber of complex crystal

do not cease
the treasure hunting
or the storytelling ever



— orlanda brugnola, © 2009

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We regret omitting that

Eve Hazel and **Jack Seiferth** made a contribution to the Holiday Greens Fund with dedication to their son Mark.

Members Out and About

Joel Mandelbaum Concert—Sunday, April 17, 1:45 pm

The concert will feature oboist Ana Isabel Ayala, who is completing her doctorate in performance at SUNY Stony Brook. It will also feature singer Kathryn Wieckhorst, who has performed at our church several times. It will feature works by Ronald Roseman, Tina Nicholson, Camille Saint-Saens and Wilhelm Friedemann Bach (one of J.S. Bach's sons) as well as Joel's songs *Light and Shade* to texts by Susan Fox (the librettist of *The Village*). Of *Light and Shade*, The *NY Times* wrote on the occasion of its premier "the songs were delightful....exquisitely crafted settings..."

Jack Seiferth Honored

The *NY Times* recently covered a commemoration of the Marines who fought in the Battle of Iwo Jima. The gathering was held at a restaurant in Queens on February 23 with approximately 60 attendees. Our own Dr. Jack Seiferth, and fellow Marine veteran Angelo Ciotta, were honored for their service on Iwo Jima. (See article on page 6)

IN MEMORIAM

Rev. Dr. Orlanda Brugnola was the interim church administrator and an affiliate minister at The Community Church of New York. Previously, she was for 28 years a member of the clergy at the First Unitarian Church of Brooklyn. She has also served as an interim pastor at churches in Poughkeepsie and Croton on Hudson. A visual artist and published poet, she was an adjunct professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice teaching philosophy and world religion. She held a D. Min. degree from New York Theological Seminary. **A celebration of her life is planned for Sunday, April 17, at 3:30 pm** in the Hall of Worship. The service will be followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Shoulam Chang
- 5 Louise B. Brown
- 7 Valerie Lynch
- 11 Helene Summa
- 12 George Martin
- 13 Deborah Gambs
- 15 Gladys McNatt
- 15 Robert Bobrick
- 16 Agnes Babich
- 18 Nancy Hough
- 26 Brenda Shrobe
- 27 Rebecca Reilly
- 28 Patti Paris
- 28 Mary Springston

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Don Powell
- 1 Mae Tabbanor
- 2 Mary Orovan
- 4 Rosemary McNatt
- 7 Paul Hampton
- 7 Lindsay Manocherian
- 11 Elinor White
- 11 David Allen Asencio
- 12 Gabriela Ioanid
- 15 Gregory A. Jones
- 15 Ron Giancola
- 16 Virginia Brody
- 18 Nicole Lord
- 19 Marilyn Travis
- 19 Gerald Foreman
- 20 Renata Rainer
- 21 Rebecca Flather
- 25 Diana Stewart

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Come Enjoy the Community Passover Seder

Saturday, April 23, 2016 in the Assembly Hall.

Doors open at 4:30 pm, and the Seder service starts at 5 pm. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$12 for children 12 and under, and \$60 for families (two adults with children 12 and under).

Plan to join us for a wonderful time of fun and fellowship.

Tickets will be available on Sundays and on-line on our website. Please contact Esther Rosado, Valerie Lynch or Irene Jenkins to be part of the Seder Team.



Volunteering New Friends!

By Sandy Brooks



Several months ago, two young Asian men came to Community Church and asked if they could help in any way.

They both had come here from China, and were getting ready to sign up to study English and Culinary Arts in the Spring term. Their names are Ming Qiang (right) and Shu Shi (left).

They were referred to me since I work with second language folks, and the two of them had some English. We felt that perhaps they could help at Hospitality on Sundays and at the Social Teas, where we always can use more assistance, and in the process they could grow their English. On that first Sunday, we went over the names of the items on the food table, and very quickly they memorized the names of many of the items. Some of us even learned how to say a few words in Mandarin!! At the January Social Tea when we celebrated poetry, they recited famous Chinese poems. It was wonderful.

Do try to greet them and know that any language interaction with them would be helpful.

2016 Green Sanctuary News and New York Energy Highlights

By Gusti Bogok

The Green Sanctuary Committee is dedicated to fostering public awareness and engagement on all things environmental, and 2016 proudly marks the eighth year of our ongoing educational programs and events. Over the years, we have covered the gamut of topics dealing with the environment, health, and energy matters in the form of lectures, hands-on workshops, documentary film screenings, and advocacy campaigns to address the critical issues that affect all of us, and the Earth we live on. In organizing these events, we have collaborated with many groups, including Sierra Club, 350NYC, Sane Energy Project, RenewNew York, GreenFaith and United for Action, among others.

In addition, we are currently enjoying our third year of Green Sanctuary's Book Group Discussion Series. Last year, our book choice was Naomi Klein's highly acclaimed book, "This Changes Everything," which discusses all aspects of the most pressing issue of our time; climate change. And this year as a natural segue from Klein's book, we explored Elizabeth Kolbert's riveting Pulitzer-prize-winning book, "The Sixth Extinction."

For the past three years Green Sanctuary Committee has also been collaborating with the New York Solar Energy Society in bringing to our audiences the most up-to-date information on solar energy from top experts sharing their knowhow on the nuts and bolts of solar energy production, storage, installation, lighting and financing.

<http://www.nyses.org/>

But lest we are tempted to sit back and rest on our laurels, I would like to highlight my picks of some of the worst environmental/health threats we are presently facing here in New York City and New York State. While Governor Cuomo has rightly banned one particularly destructive form of methane mining or gas drilling—that is, the high volume, high pressure, horizontal method ("fracking") he has thus far stood by and allowed a plethora of fracking infrastructure and related industries to proliferate across our state. There are currently so many fracking infrastructure projects either being proposed or operational in New York State, that one group, Sane Energy Project, sought the help of grassroots activists to create an online interactive map called, "You Are Here" to chart their positions and trajectories across the state.

<http://www.youareherenymap.org/>

Of those 200 plus fracking-related projects, one most egregious example is the Cabot-William's owned Constitution Pipeline that would carry highly volatile fracked-gas from Pennsylvania's gas fields. The pipeline would carve a 124-mile scar across hundreds of streams, wetlands, and deeply forested areas, destroying 700,000 trees, fragmenting wildlife habitat, contaminating water supplies and farmlands and increasing risks of flooding, as well as seizing land via eminent domain and lowering the value of hundreds of acres of private property caught within its cross hairs. Within Pennsylvania's leg of the pipeline, up to 5 miles of

land has already been cleared of trees. And despite the Holleran family's heroic stand to save their maple syrup business, Cabot-William's chain-saw crews overseen by guards wielding automatic weapons, have already laid waste to their precious grove of maples—trees that had once held the family's bounty. Here in New York, the Constitution awaits only the Department of Environmental Conservation's approval of its 401 Water Quality permit for the pipeline to move forward. It will happen, unless we stop it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4tf2MRXyBi8&feature=youtu.be>
<http://www.stopthepipeline.org/>

And as if that weren't enough, the Kinder Morgan Company is hoping to build a second pipeline (the NED or Northeast Direct Pipeline) to parallel the Constitution.

Meanwhile, just 50 miles north of densely populated New York City and adjacent to the Indian Point Nuclear Center, Spectra Corporation has already been granted permission by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to begin tree cutting for the Algonquin Incremental Market or AIM Pipeline—a 42" diameter high-pressure pipeline that will run just 105 feet from vital structures for the aging nuclear facility. Spectra Corporation's dismal safety record and long history of accidents forebode yet another "Fukushima on the Hudson" just waiting to happen, unless we stop it. A brave coterie of ResistAIM activists, including those arrestees known as the "Montrose 9," have repeatedly attempted to do just that, putting their bodies on the line to delay or halt construction.

Thankfully due to ongoing pressure and a recent spate of mishaps and tritium leaks, Governor Cuomo has just this week finally called upon FERC to suspend construction of the AIM pipeline, pending an "immediate independent safety analysis."

<https://resistaim.wordpress.com/>
<http://www.senrg.org/>
<https://sape2016.org/>

Moving northwest to New York State's highly prized wine producing region in the Finger Lakes district, a huge battle is being waged against Crestwood Corporation by a group calling itself, "We Are Seneca Lake." Since 2013 a running total of 500 WASL members and supporters have been getting arrested for blocking the entrance to the site of operations for Crestwood. These heroic but desperate actions are the last ditch efforts of a growing number of informed and emboldened people who recognize the dangers that Crestwood's project poses to the health and economy of the entire region. The corporation seeks to store liquid propane gas (LPG) in abandoned salt caverns dug out of porous, stratified rock directly adjacent to beautiful and scenic Seneca Lake—the drinking water source for 100,000 area residents. What could go wrong?

<http://www.wearesenecalake.com/>

Finally included in my picks of favorite horrors are New York's toxic waste dumps. Casella Waste Systems is seeking to expand three of its five landfills within New York's Southern Tier: the Hakes, Chemung, Hyland,

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Seneca Meadows and Allied Waste Landfills. Roughly 30% of Pennsylvania's highly radioactive frack waste is currently being received by these five landfills. This poses an enormous health hazard to neighboring communities, since the leachate from these landfills seeps into ground water, contaminates farmland and emits toxic fumes into the atmosphere.

I could go on like this at length enumerating the myriad other risky ventures that fossil fuel corporations are pushing to completion in New York State. But I won't. Right now in New York and across the nation we are at a crossroads. Either we can continue along the toxic path of nineteenth century fossil fuel energy systems that make our planet unlivable and lead us off the cliff of climate catastrophe, or we can shift to a sustainable energy future that includes energy efficiency and conservation programs and renewable energy systems using wind, solar, hydro and geothermal sources.

By upgrading our energy transmission systems alone, New York State could reap 2,000 megawatts in energy savings, over and above the replacement power needed to close the troubled Indian Point Nuclear Facility. As we're witnessing in Europe, renewable energy, especially from solar and wind technologies, have offset and replaced existing oil, coal, gas and nuclear power plants. With continued advocacy from people like us, we could make this happen here in the US as well.

While the nation sets a dubious milestone with Cheniere Energy's first export shipment of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from Louisiana's Sabine Pass terminal to Brazil, here in NYS Governor Cuomo's prudent veto of the Port Ambrose LNG terminal now unencumbers the region's untapped offshore wind potential, which the proposed terminal had threatened to displace.

<http://dwwind.com/>
<http://thesolutionsproject.org/>

What's more, with the shuttering of coal plants across the state and Governor Cuomo's ongoing Reforming the Energy Vision or REV process, we have a unique opportunity to revamp outmoded systems of the past and jump start the clean energy revolution right here right now, and a responsibility to ensure that greedy fossil fuel corporations do not co-opt or derail REV's promise of distributed renewable energy. As we revise old energy systems and embrace new emerging systems, let us roll up our sleeves and do our part to make sure that energy democracy prevails.

<http://allianceforagreenecconomy.org/content/reclaiming-energy-vision>
<http://energydemocracyny.org/>

In Solidarity,
Gusti Bogok Chair, Green Sanctuary Committee, CCNYCo-Chair, Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter Gas Task Force

Yoga and Posture

by Nafisa Degani



It has been over two years that our group been practicing yoga in our cozy classroom space at the Church. We have been growing, maturing together and enjoying this experience. Our commitment is very important as we gather together

and work on breath, posture and chanting in class.

Most of us have noticed our postures improve. We are sitting taller, standing straighter and stretching with ever deepening breath. It is remarkable to perceive how the body's wisdom roots each posture over time. As we go into each posture mindfully and consciously the body automatically lifts its frame to accommodate each asana. It slowly flowers and settles into the perfect posture over time. This only comes with repeated practice and making yoga an integral part of our lives. Words cannot describe the effects that yoga has on its practitioners—with dedicated practice, personal wellbeing and slow individual transformation takes place. I am delighted by my regular students and how their energy affects our entire group. We work so much better when practicing together.

basic exercises for the spine. This has reduced my student's backaches and hip pains. Student's have told me their bodies hurt less and that they can feel new flexibility in their joints. We spend a considerable amount of time working on the chakras below the heart and stabilizing the body to regain balance and alignment.

Another favorite of the class is Tadasana (Mountain Pose). Tadasana is the basic standing posture of hatha yoga. We practice and perfect our standing - firm and erect, like a mountain. Tadasana re-aligns the body and gradually improves our posture. Improper posture is corrected by frequently practicing Tadasana which also relieves stress and strain on the spine.

Throughout life multitudes of cells die and multitudes of new cells are regenerated; every seven years each and every person has a whole new body. This process is so seamless that we have no awareness of it happening. We blink without even the slightest awareness of the ceaseless genesis and expiration of every cell in our eye! How amazing! We normally intuit so little about the interior workings of our bodies and organs - but as we hold asanas for 60 seconds or more, we are able to tune in and listen to our bodies.

Every class, our warm up consists of stretching and strengthening the spine with the cat-cow asana (pose) along with some

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Marines Toast Iwo Jima Veterans on Anniversary of Flag Raising

By Corey Kilgannon

Article appeared in The *New York Times* on February 26, 2016
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Angelo Ciotta, 90, leaned against the bar inside a restaurant in Queens as fellow Marines offered a series of taut salutes and a bottle of red wine — a Marine Corps — themed vintage called Jarhead Red.

The label bore an insignia of the famous photograph of troops hoisting the American flag on Iwo Jima on Feb. 23, 1945.



Joe Lisi, left, and Angelo Ciotta, who was honored on Tuesday by fellow Marines at Manducatis, an Italian restaurant in Queens. Credit Uli Seit for *The New York Times*

Mr. Ciotta, a retired private first class, was present that day at Mount Suribachi, where the flag was raised during one of the bloodiest battles of the Pacific theater.

“Of my squad of 14, every one of them got wounded or killed,” said Mr. Ciotta, who was shot in the leg.

“I was lucky because I’m bowlegged — it missed the bone,” he said on Tuesday night, the 71st anniversary of the flag raising, where Mr. Ciotta and his fellow Queens native Jack Seiferth, 93, were honored for their service on Iwo Jima.

Dr. Seiferth, a retired sergeant with the First Battalion, 24th Marines, said he managed to survive the 36-day battle in part because while storming the beach, “the first three waves were wiped out, and I was in the fourth wave.”



UUSMC Flag: A commemoration of the Marines who fought in the Battle of Iwo Jima. Credit Uli Seit for *The New York Times*

Mr. Ciotta and Dr. Seiferth were being honored by a special Marine Corps detachment with a curious name: Romeo Unit 1, New York City.

Romeo is an acronym for Retired Old Marines Eating Out. The unit’s mission is to meet every month or so for a meal and

swap stories, to continue the traditions and camaraderie of the Marine Corps.

Members hold a larger dinner each February to honor the ever-dwindling number of local veterans of Iwo Jima, a historic battle that Marines generally regard as their finest combat moment.



Jack Seiferth, center, a retired sergeant, is one of a dwindling number of local veterans of Iwo Jima. Credit Uli Seit for *The New York Times*

“There’s a bond — we’re a family, so we take care of each other,” Mr. Ciotta said during the dinner, which was convened on Tuesday at Manducatis, a restaurant in Long Island City, Queens.

The Romeo group includes Marines — some active-duty, but most retired — from every major military campaign since **World War II** and from nearly every rank of service.

It is an eclectic, colorful group that includes high-level corporate executives, retired police officers and teachers, and even a few accomplished actors, including **Joe Lisi**, 65, a retired Marine corporal and New York City police captain who founded the group.

Mr. Lisi helped herd roughly 60 men to long tables near American and Marine Corps flags and brought the noisy room to order — the chatter stopped abruptly after a call of “Marines, ho!” — so that he could toast Mr. Ciotta and Dr. Seiferth.

“We love you and you very much set the standard — Semper Fi,” he said, invoking the familiar Marine credo of loyalty.

Then, Col. James Lulo, an active-duty Marine commander, offered a toast to fallen soldiers and reminded the men that 27 Medals of Honor were awarded for actions on Iwo Jima, the most of any battle in Marine Corps history. And, he added, though many more American troops were injured than Japanese, about three times as many Japanese were killed. About 70,000 Marines fought on the island and **nearly 7,000 were killed**, according to the National WWII Museum.

To this, there was a unified shout of “Oorah!” — the battle cry of the Marines.

A recording of taps was played, and standing along with the Marines was the owner of Manducatis, Vincenzo Cerbone, 86, an

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Army veteran who served in the renowned First Infantry Division, sometimes called the Big Red One.

At a long table where several young active-duty Marines sat, Col. Christopher A. McPhillips, a military fellow with the Council on Foreign Relations, was chatting with Gerry Byrne, a decorated Vietnam War veteran and current media executive.



The gathering was organized by a Marine Corps detachment called Romeo Unit 1 — an acronym for Retired Old Marines Eating Out. Credit Uli Seit for *The New York Times*

Nearby were two other actors, **John Doman** and **Wayne Scott Miller**, who has worked as George Clooney's stunt double. At the other end of the table was Dr. Seiferth, a retired college professor, who was talking with Dr. Theodore Laqueria, a psychoanalyst in Manhattan who served in Morocco as a private first class.

What brings them all together is the credo of "Once a Marine, always a Marine," said Colonel Iulo, who oversees Marine Corps recruiting for much of the East Coast, and who pointed to the Marines insignia on his hat, of an eagle, a globe and an anchor.

"Some of these guys have been out of the Marines for 50 or 60 years, but they still show up because, even though you may take off

the uniform, the eagle, globe and anchor are tattooed on your heart," said the colonel, immaculately turned out in his olive green service uniform — one that, he noted, has barely changed in a century.

If Colonel Iulo was a model of spit-and-polish Marine Corps decorum, there were also attendees in red Marine Corps satin bowling jackets. Then there was Tom Nerney, 76, a retired New York police detective from Queens who had squeezed into — with the help of a corset, he joked — his faded green uniform from 55 years ago.

"I can drop down and give you 20 push-ups," Mr. Nerney said, "but you may have to get me into a chair afterward."

Mr. Ciotta and Dr. Seiferth said most of the men they fought with on Iwo Jima had died in recent years.

Mr. Ciotta, who was a corporal and demolition specialist with the 28th Marine Regiment, Fifth Marine Division, recalled Iwo Jima as a special kind of hell, in which members of his unit slogged their way over soft volcanic ash and were easy targets for Japanese soldiers hidden in caves and tunnels, and firing from so-called pillbox battlements.

Mr. Ciotta, who was awarded the Purple Heart, was assigned to crawling up to the pillboxes and blowing them up.

"People call us the living history of World War II," he said, holding his bottle of Jarhead Red, "but we did nothing more than what we were asked to do for our country."

Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist

To: **Melinda Schroeder, Clerk**

From: **Nominating Committee:** Jonathan Birchall, Chair, Fay Bennett Lord, Jon Dietrich, Nancy Jennings, Sheila Kaminsky, George Martin and Helene Summa

Nominations for the 2016 Election – April 3, 2016 – 1 pm

Officers/Trustees

Melinda Schroeder Clerk

Trustees-At-Large

Sandy Brooks

Sam Kerns

Michael Orzechowski

Council Members-At-Large

Neil Blonstein

Anna Lisa Hafgren

1st full term after filling the vacated term of Stephen Jones

3 years, first term

3 years, second term

3 years, second term

3 years, second term

3 years, first term

Nominating Committee

Virginia Brody

Carla Corcoran

Eve Hazel

Martha Wagner

2 years, first term

2 years, first term

2 years, first term

2 years, first term

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Birchall
3/6/2016

IMAGINED CITY: John Devaney Paintings
Artists' Reception – Saturday, April 9, 6-8 pm
Open Gallery – Sunday, April 10, 1-2:30 pm



John Devaney has been exhibiting his cityscapes painted during his past 8 years of living in midtown Manhattan—parks, buildings, rooftops, and the flow of humanity surging through them. In a manner described as “Dickensian,” he reports on the endless changing shapes of people and their environments in a city half recognizable and half imagined.

John is a recipient of a National Endowment Fellowship in Painting, a Harvard Research Fellow in the Visual Arts, McDowell and Yaddo Residencies, and has been awarded mural commissions from the University of Connecticut, The Morgan Art Center, and the City of Cambridge. His paintings have been included in numerous museum and gallery exhibitions, including the San Diego Museum of Contemporary Art, the List Visual Art Center, the Danforth, Springfield, Boston Museum School, and the Lyman-Allan Museum.

To view the exhibit, please make an appointment by calling John at 617 967 2620.

John Devaney, who lives in Murray Hill, joined Gallery35 in 2014. Visit his website to learn more about John's work: www.johndevaney.com

THE SPRING COLLECTION

April 18 – June 11

Artists' Reception and Silent Auction Benefit for Helene and BJ's Homeless Shelter on April 30, 6-8 pm

Closing Reception: June 11, 6-8 pm

This group show is the last in the 2015-2016 series of “seasonal” exhibits. Gallery35 members will be exhibiting work encompassing a variety of themes and media.

A highlight of this exhibit will be a **Silent Auction** – held during the Artists' Reception on April 30 – to benefit **Helene and BJ's Homeless Shelter**. The artists will enter selected pieces – separate from the exhibit art – for the auction. 50% of the final bidding offers will be donated to help further the shelter's work of providing a year-round clean and safe space for approximately 10 men each night.

During this silent auction, bids will be written on a sheet of paper placed near each piece of art. Each artwork will have a beginning bidding price. Each subsequent bid must increase the amount by \$25 or more. At the end of the evening, the art will go to the highest listed bidder.



Come to enjoy the art and the reception – and perhaps go home with a new piece of art while helping to support Helene & BJ's Homeless Shelter!

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OPPORTUNITIES 2016

Classical Vocal Arts for Children



Sundays, April 10 and *17 and May *1 and 22
12:30-2 pm, Gallery
(Regular Schedule – 2nd and 4th Sundays) –
Note Schedule Changes these months**
Cheryl Warfield, Artistic Director of Manhattan
Opera Repertory Ensemble, known as *MOREOpera*,
will offer a year-long series of classical vocal arts
for children and youth, including music apprecia-

tion and chorus training program open to all children aged 6-14
(some flexibility) so invite family, friends and neighbors too. There
is no tuition fee. New children always welcome. Questions –
Contact Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, vlynch@ccny.org or
212-683-4988.

Mother's Day Concert – Sunday, May 8, 12:30-1 pm, Assembly Hall
The Classical Vocal Arts class will present a short concert in honor
of Mothers Day following Fellowship Hour.

Hatha Yoga with Nafisa Degani – Tuesdays, 6-7:30 pm and
Saturdays, 12:30-2 pm, Rear Lounge

Hatha Yoga is a branch of yoga which concentrates on physical
health and mental well-being. Hatha yoga uses bodily postures
(asanas), breathing techniques (pranayama), and meditation
(dyana) with the goal of bringing about a sound, healthy body
and a clear, peaceful mind. Please bring a yoga mat to the class.
(No sessions on major holiday weekends.)

NYC Street Singers – Most Tuesdays, 7 pm, 3rd Floor Classroom
The NYC Streetsingers are now doing community outreach with
Sing for Hope, a volunteer artists program that performs in
Healthcare facilities throughout NYC. Open to all who also believe
in the transformative power of the arts to inspire and unite, please
join us on Tuesday evenings. For more information please contact
clisbin25@aol.com

Green Sanctuary Book Discussion

Tuesdays, April 5 and 19, and May 3 and 17, Assembly Hall
6:00-6:30pm – Noshing & Socializing ~ please bring
something to share ~ 6:30-8:30pm – Discussion
Title: *Change is Our Choice* – Northwest Earth Institute (NWEI)
(see article on page 4)

Arabic Workshop – Sundays, April 17 and May 22, 1-3 pm,
Third Floor Classroom

An Arabic language workshop is offered on 3rd Sundays of the
month. Contact Esther Rosado, erosado@ccny.org or 212-683-
4988, ext. 23 for information..

Gallery35 Artists' Receptions

John Devaney Solo Show – Saturday, April 9, 6-8 pm, Gallery
The Spring Collection (will be a Silent Auction Benefit for Helene
& BJ's Place) – Saturday, April 30, 6-8 pm, Gallery
Join us for evenings of fellowship and refreshments as we view the
works of our Gallery35 artists. (Most are available for purchase.)

Social Tea – Last Tuesdays, April 26 and May 31, 2-3:30 pm,
Assembly Hall
Join us for a guest speakers, conversation and light refreshments.

Secular Humanist Society of New York Book Club

First Thursdays – Thursdays, April 7 and May 5, 7-8:30 pm,
Front Lounge Title: *THE ORIGINS OF POLITICAL ORDER: From
Prehistoric Times to the French Revolution* by Francis Fukuyama
Apr-Part 1 / May – Part 2

Some of us will have dinner together afterwards at a nearby
(inexpensive) restaurant. Please join us. Join us even if you haven't
finished reading. The book club is open to all ... and free!

First Saturday Feeding of the Hungry in the Bowery

First Saturdays, April 2 and May 7, 10:45 am-12 pm
We invite you to help the Sai Baba Group feed the hungry on the
First Saturday of each month. We meet on Forsyth, just south of
Houston at 10:45 am. Please bring vegetarian food to share with
the over 100 people who come. This is an outdoor event so dress for
the weather. For more information contact Valerie Lynch at
vlynch@ccny.org or 212-683-4988.

Anti-Racism Team

Sunday, April 10, 1 pm, Assembly Hall
The team offers films and discussions on various Sundays. The next
film is *The Power Broker: Whitney Young's Fight for Civil Rights*.
"Whitney Young was one of the most celebrated and controversial
leaders of the civil rights era. As head of the National Urban
League, he fought for the rights of thousands but was often criti-
cized by the very people he was trying to help."

Studying Humanism

Last Mondays, April 25 and May TBA, 6:30-8:30 pm, Gallery
A monthly study group facilitated by John Rafferty of the Secular
Humanist Society of New York.

Card Making Circle – Sunday, April 10, 1-3 pm, Front Lounge
Join us for afternoon of crafting fun. Make cards for holidays or
other special occasions. Supplies will be provided but feel free to
bring your own as well.

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Joel Mandelbaum Concert—Sunday, April 17, 1:45 pm

The concert will feature oboist Ana Isabel Ayala, who is completing her doctorate in performance at SUNY Stony Brook.

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Annual Community Seder — Saturday, April 23



Doors open at 4:30 pm. Seder service starts at 5-7:30 pm. Assembly Hall

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$12 for children 12 and under, and \$60 for families (two adults with children 12 and under). Plan to join us for

a wonderful time of fun and fellowship. Tickets will be available on Sundays and on-line on our website. Please contact Esther Rosado, Valerie Lynch or Irene Jenkins to be part of the Seder Team.

UU Christian Fellowship Meeting for Fellowship and Prayer

First Wednesdays, April 6, May 4, 2015 – 7 pm- 8:30 pm, Chapel
All are welcome to this monthly gathering. It will be facilitated by Dr. Peter Walters, member of Community Church.

More Ways to Get Involved

Fellowship Hour Hosts

We invite everyone to consider hosting the Fellowship Hour. It is a fun way to meet visitors, members and friends. Please contact Irene Jenkins at ijenkins@ccny.org or 212-683-4988, ext. 22.

BJ's and Helene's Place Needs Your Help

Shelter Volunteers are always needed – They work in teams and training is provided. Please contact George Garland gagarland@gmail.com or Fred Corden fcorden@me.com for details.

Visiting and Writing to Homebound Members and Friends of Community

We are now seeking volunteers who would like to visit and/or write notes to our homebound Members and Friends. Please contact Odella Washington, chair of our Caring Network at 718-379-1934 or Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, at vlynch@ccny.org for more information.

Office Volunteers

The office staff could use your help! Please contact Thea Trent at ttrent@ccny.org or call or 212-683-4988.

Congregational Meetings

Annual Meeting — Sunday, April 3, 1 pm, Assembly Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend. Voting Members will be voting for church leaders and several other matters. Lunch will be available.

Budget Hearing — Sunday, May 15, 1 pm, Assembly Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend. Lunch will be available.

Governance/Committee Meetings:

Please note there may be changes due to holidays

Board of Trustees Meetings — 4th Wednesdays, 6:30-9 pm, Gallery

Church Council Meetings — Meets Quarterly

Next meeting Wednesday, April 13, 6:30-7:30 pm, Gallery

Finance Committee — 3rd Wednesdays, 6 pm, Gallery

Buildings and Grounds Committee — 1st Mondays, 6 pm, Conference Room

UN and Global Affairs Committee — 2nd Sundays, 1-2:15 pm, Conference Room

Gallery35 — 1st Wednesdays, 6:30-9 pm Gallery

Other Opportunities



Most Saturdays, 8 pm, Assembly Hall ~ www.peoplesvoicecafe.org

Apr 2: Pat Lamanna; Elaine Romanelli

Apr 16: Second Annual Ray Korona Song Night

Apr 23: (Closed for Passover)

Apr 30: Professor Louie & the Lewis Family

May 7: Women in Story & Song: Thelma Thomas;
Robin Greenstein

May 14: Joel Landy; Steve Suffet

May 21: Matt Jones/Phil Ochs Tribute with Magpie

Esperanto Society — Third Fridays, 7 pm, 3rd Floor Classroom (Sept-May)

Henry George School is offering classes at Community on various evenings. Community Church Members and Friends are welcome — no fee. For more information contact (212) 889-8020 or email info@hgsss.org.

Events Calendar for April 2016

SATURDAY, APRIL 2 10:45 1st Saturday Feeding 12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani 8:00 Peoples' Voice Café SUNDAY, APRIL 3 9:30 Choir Rehearsal 11:00 Morning Worship 11:00 Sunday School 12:15 Fellowship Hour 1:00 CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 4 6:00 Buildings & Grounds TUESDAY, APRIL 5 6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani 6:30 Green Sanctuary Book Discussion	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6 6:30 Gallery35 7:00 UU Christian Fellowship and Prayer THURSDAY, APRIL 7 7:00 Secular Humanist Book Club SATURDAY, APRIL 9 12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani 6:00 Gallery35 Artists' Reception 8:00 Peoples' Voice Café SUNDAY, APRIL 10 11:00 Morning Worship 11:00 Sunday School 12:15 Fellowship Hour 12:30 Vocal Arts for Children 12:45 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal 1:00 Anti-Racism Team 1:00 Card Making Circle 1:00 Open Gallery35	TUESDAY, APRIL 12 6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani EDNESDAY, APRIL 13 6:30 Church Council FRIDAY, APRIL 15 7:00 Esperanto Society SATURDAY, APRIL 16 12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani 8:00 Peoples' Voice Café SUNDAY, APRIL 17 9:30 Choir Rehearsal 11:00 Morning Worship 11:00 Sunday School 12:15 Fellowship Hour 12:30 Classical Vocal Arts for Children 12:45 Volunteer Choir 1:00 Arabic Workshop	MONDAY, APRIL 18 6:00 Spring Collection TUESDAY, APRIL 19 6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani 6:30 Green Sanctuary Book Discussion WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20 6:00 Finance Committee SATURDAY, APRIL 23 12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani 5:00 Community Seder 8:00 Peoples' Voice Café SUNDAY, APRIL 24 9:30 Choir Rehearsal 11:00 Morning Worship 11:00 Sunday School 12:15 Fellowship Hour 12:45 Volunteer Choir	MONDAY, APRIL 25 6:30 Studying Humanism TUESDAY, APRIL 26 2:00 Social Tea 6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27 6:00 Board of Trustees SATURDAY, APRIL 30 12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani 6:00 Artists' Reception and Homeless Shelter Silent Auction 8:00 Peoples' Voice Café
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~ SAVE THE DATES ~

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
 Sunday, April 3, 1:00 pm

BUDGET HEARING MEETING
 Sunday, May 15, 1:00 pm

Plan to attend our Annual and Budget Congregational Meetings. All members who joined prior to January 1 and have made a "financial contribution of record" are eligible to vote. Please contact Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, if you have any questions.

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Events Calendar for May 2016

SUNDAY, MAY 1

9:30 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Morning Worship
11:00 Sunday School
12:15 Fellowship Hour
12:45 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal
1:00 Vocal Arts for Children

MONDAY, MAY 2

6:00 Buildings & Grounds

TUESDAY, MAY 3

6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani
6:00 Green Sanctuary Book Group
7:00 Streetsingers

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

6:30 Gallery35
7:00 UU Christian Fellowship and Prayer

THURSDAY, MAY 5

7:00 Secular Humanist Book Club

SATURDAY, MAY 7

10:45 1st Saturday Feeding
12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani
8:00 People's Voice Café

SUNDAY, MAY 8

9:30 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Morning Worship
11:00 Sunday School
12:15 Fellowship Hour
12:45 Vocal Arts for Children
Mother's Day Concert
12:45 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal
1:00 UN & Global Affairs Forum

TUESDAY, MAY 10

6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani
7:00 Streetsingers

SATURDAY, MAY 14

12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani

SUNDAY, MAY 15

9:30 Choir Rehearsal
9:45 UN Global Affairs
11:00 Morning Worship
11:00 Sunday School
1:00 CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET HEARING

MONDAY, MAY 16

6:30 Studying Humanism

TUESDAY, MAY 17

6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani
6:30 Green Sanctuary Book Discussion
7:00 Streetsingers

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

6:00 Finance Committee
6:00 Green Sanctuary Book Discussion

THURSDAY, MAY 19

7:30 UU Christian Fellowship

FRIDAY, MAY 20

7:00 Esperanto Society

SATURDAY, MAY 21

12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani
8:00 People's Voice Café

SUNDAY, MAY 22

9:30 Choir Rehearsal
9:45 UN Global Affairs
11:00 Morning Worship
11:00 Sunday School
12:30 Classical Vocal Arts for Children
12:45 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal
1:00 Arabic Workshop

MONDAY, MAY 23

6:30 Studying Humanism

TUESDAY, MAY 24

6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

6:00 Board of Trustees

THURSDAY, MAY 26

7:00 Secular Humanist Book Club

SATURDAY, MAY 28

12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani
8:00 Peoples' Voice Café

SUNDAY, MAY 29

9:30 Choir Rehearsal
9:45 UN Global Affairs
11:00 Morning Worship
11:00 Sunday School

MONDAY, MAY 30

MEMORIAL DAY

TUESDAY, MAY 31

2:00 Social Tea
6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani

Rev. Bruce Southworth, Senior Minister
Esther Rosado, Director of Lifespan Religious Education
Gerald A. Brown, Director of Music
Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator
Irene Jenkins, Ministry Assistant



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Growing Souls, Doing Justice, and Being Bold in a Caring Community since 1825

A special thank you to Reena Kondo and Sophia Whitney who will be serving as our Community Church delegates to the 2016 UUA General Assembly. Rev. Bruce Southworth, Senior Minister, Esther Rosado, Director of Lifespan Religious Education, and Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, will also be attending GA. Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson and Dr. Janice Marie Johnson will be there as UUA staff members. To View online:

<http://www.uua.org/ga/offsite/watching>

General information: <http://www.uua.org/ga/program>

General Assembly 2016 Columbus, Ohio



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BIRTHDAYS

June 2016

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3	Katie Karlovitz
6	David Zane
7	Stephen Adeyinka
7	Otis Samuel Kerns
8	Kevin Maxwell
12	Virginia Asman
12	Austin Publicover
14	Alec Ezratty
16	Ellen Mandelbaum
17	George Marshall
19	Anita Monick
20	Barb Conkin
21	Derek Peru
26	Maria Velez-Lopez
30	Robert Reiss
30	Shelley Crandall

BIRTHDAYS

July 2016

2	Philip Patinka
3	Fred DeLisi
7	Dawn Stewart-Lookin
8	Jody Leight
10	Nina Bernstein
10	Bryanna Patinka
13	Ivan Birchall
14	Priscilla Stadler
14	Lehna Huie
17	Eberly Barnes
19	Jonathan Hampton
19	Kayla Southworth
27	Rachel Stone
28	Lisa Gluck
29	J. Michael Southworth
30	Jason Nunan
31	Peter Robinson, Jr.

BIRTHDAYS

August 2016

1	Karen Ethelsdattar
1	Charles Hymowitz
3	Sarah Ann Manocherian
9	Maureen Holder
12	Evelen Hough
13	Phyllis Andrews
14	Kimberly Ball
14	Rev. Cheryl Walker
15	Courtne Julien
15	John Silver
15	Heather Burgher
19	Allen McNatt
19	Winifred Zubin
19	Bill Rothfarb
22	Terelle Julien
24	Reena Kondo
24	Patricia Kolb
26	Renee Otto
28	David Strachan
30	M. Bridget Brosnan

Members Out And About

Reading Partners

By Gisela Schilling-Chlanda

My best reading teachers ever were Aunt Marga and Aunt Sophie. "Aunt" was the way we Kindergarteners were asked to address them. They made the stories come alive, and when Rumpelstiltskin was angry, you actually could hear him crack his foot through the floorboards.

These days I have been reading to a second grader at PS 126 Jacob Riis as a volunteer reading tutor. My student actually picked *Rumpelstiltskin* for me to read to her and boy, did I enjoy stamping my foot just like him.

She's my teacher, too. At the time of the Chinese New Year, she picked a book about Chinese New Year's celebrations for me to read to her. I learned that Dragons are formidable creatures and money gifts are very welcome at this occasion.

I think I'm on my way as a proper English teacher with the tools I am provided with by *Reading Partners*. Never mind the accent my husband says I may be imparting on my young Chinatown students! Everybody has an accent and I am a proud immigrant.

Reading Partners needs more volunteers. Speak to Gisela to learn more.

Excessive Religious Fervor

By David C. Parnes

Among several projects that I am working on is a tongue in cheek medical dictionary of religious diseases with cures.

Excessive Religious Fervor (ERF) which is characterized by a doctrinaire belief in the supernatural and a ritualistic subordination of self to imaginary religious figures.

The cure or Rx would be: A liberal dose of reality through indoctrination by professional geologists and physicists.

Delores Browne Honored

By the Dance Theatre of Harlem

Church Member and noted ballerina **Delores Browne** was a featured honoree at the 45th anniversary celebrations of the Dance Theatre of Harlem. To learn more about Delores' pioneering and distinguished career, see

<http://www.mybodymyimage.com/blacks-in-ballet-delores-brown-and-raven-wilkinson>

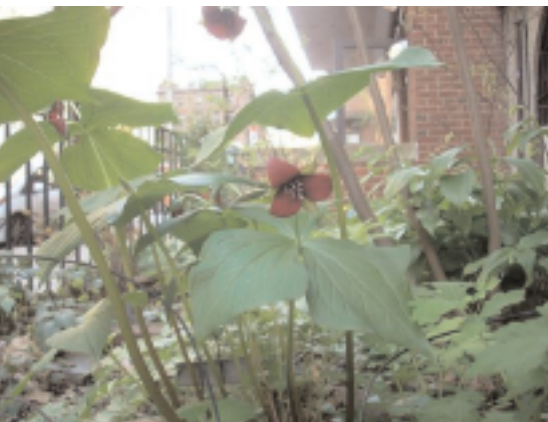
HERE AT COMMUNITY

Women's Sunday

Community Women hosted the Annual UU Women's Association Luncheon and Lecture on March 12. Mary Walton, author of *A Woman's Crusade*, was the guest speaker and offered a lecture entitled *Alice Paul – HOW WOMEN FINALLY GOT THE VOTE IN 1920*.



Springtime in Community Garden Name That Flower!



Challenge sent by Gisela Shilling-Chlanda

Dear friends:

You may not know it but I have been ill for two months now. I had a fall walking quickly to catch a bus and wham I landed on the pavement of the sidewalk. I didn't know it then but after taking an MRI I found out that I fractured my sacrum bone at the base of my spine. It has been a very painful time for me and I miss all the wonderful activities that I pursued like coming to church, going to my chorus, doing water exercise in a pool, playing the piano in the 92nd St Y Chamber Group classes and just going outdoors for walks. I am improving but slowly and today I registered for therapy at the Rusk Rehabilitation Center. I was also a part of the Art Group and missed the last exhibition which I really wanted to go to. I never knew how much I happiness I received from all of my activities until I was unable to do them. I am hoping to recover soon and want to wish everyone a very happy Spring and Summer. I hope I will be back again with you soon.

Lois Ross

Community Passover Seder 2016



Photos by Leonore Tiefer

A Beautiful Seder – Let's Keep the Tradition Going

By Gary Geoghegan



Leonore knows her audience, largely drawn from the Unitarian Universalist congregation, and ably generalized the Passover lessons to be that of the journey out of slavery of the mind for each of us. Along the way she modified the readings, shortened the

For 25 years Dr. Leonore Tiefer has led the Community Church's Passover Seder, celebrated in the Assembly Hall. This year, as many before, was a joyous celebration and a valuable educational experience especially for non-Jews.

songs and thanked her many long-time supporters for the contributions each of them made to preparing the ritual feast. In addition to critical help with the food from Irene Jenkins and numerous others, Leonore noted the value of the detailed logistics spreadsheet inherited from Bill Rothfarb. Leonore also recognized the willing assistance from a many other people during the ceremony, from Rev. Bruce Southworth to the five "children" recruited to ask the ritual questions that fall to the youngest generation.

Alas, Leonore also announced that after 25 years, this year would be her last. A successor is needed to organize and lead the event on Saturday, April 15, 2017. This could be you. Leonore's generous spirit makes me confident that she would be a willing to advise. Is this one of the ways you could be remembered at Community?

A 40th Anniversary on May 23, 2016 at The Community Church of New York



BRUCE ALAN SOUTHWORTH

"According to the tradition of our free faith, the authority to ordain resides solely with the individual congregation, . . . It is for this purpose that we have assembled here. It is both a privilege and a responsibility to ordain our friend and fellow member to the Unitarian Universalist Ministry."
—From the "Act of Ordination"

Forty years ago, on May 23, 1976, the members of The Community Church of New York ordained a young seminary graduate to the Unitarian Universalist ministry.

Bob Grier, the Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees, led the Congregation in the Act of Ordination of Bruce Southworth. The Reverend Dr. Donald Szanthy Harrington, Senior Minister, offered the sermon.

Many members of both the Southworth and Xanthakos families attended the service and celebrations at Community and at Mr. Southworth's graduation from Union Theological Seminary two days prior.

At the Commencement Exercises at The Riverside Church, Mr. Southworth received Union's highest honor awarded to a graduating seminary student and the most coveted award for theological study: the Traveling Fellowship. To say the least, at that time it

was a gracious surprise that this award was given to a Unitarian Universalist.

What ever happened to Rev. Southworth? After serving the Roanoke Valley Unitarian Church from 1976-1979, he began his ministry with us at The Community Church of New York in September 1979, as our elected Colleague Successor to the Senior Minister, and became our elected Senior Minister in 1982 when Dr. Harrington became Minister Emeritus.

Excerpt from the Act of Ordination of Bruce Alan Southworth, May 23, 1976 – The Community Church of NY

... Our denomination offers you the tradition of a free pulpit. Wherever you may be called to serve, we would have you preach the word of truth in freedom and love, rebuking evil and maintaining righteousness, ministering alike to persons' joys and sorrows, setting forth no less by your example than by your precept the principles of our faith.



UUs at Work Around the Country and the World

We would like to start a column featuring what Unitarian Universalists are doing in the area of justice work that might not make the headlines. Please consider writing about UU action you learn about. Check in with friends and colleagues! We hope to learn more about and celebrate the work UUs are doing to make the world a better place.

Justice in Arizona

By Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator

My husband Nick and I attended the first Annual Meeting of UUJAZ, UU Justice Arizona Network, last month. It was a remarkable evening to celebrate the justice work being done by UUs from many Arizona congregations. Rev. Peter Morales, UUA president, came to Arizona to join us. Last year, at an Issues and Actions Conference, Issue Teams were established with focuses on Immigration, Water, Education, Economic Inequality and Racial Justice. The best part of the evening was meeting UUs from other congregations who are deeply involved in many projects connected with these teams and issues. Here are several examples:

The UU congregation in Surprise, AZ has a project working with a local school offering tutoring and other volunteer work. They had learned that this school had many needs after difficult budget cuts.

My Arizona congregation in Glendale and the larger congregation in Chandler are very involved with the immigration team's issues. We

take part in activities such as Greyhound Bus Station volunteers (who meet released detainees, offering food, water and use of cell phones) and the Penpal Project (writing to people in detention). The immigration team also offered a Border Trip.

The Racial Justice team offered a program *At the Intersection of Race, Poverty and Justice*. In February we had the annual UU Day at the Legislature, where UUs from around Arizona go to the state legislature and meet with senators and representatives to our express our views on important issues.

Two names that I hope you get to know – first, Rev. Lisa McDaniel-Hutchings, who is the Executive Director of UUJAZ. She has kept this brand new UU organization going and growing. Second, Anne Schneider, my UU hero – Anne is someone who actually likes to read proposed legislation, translate it into understandable language and get the word out. She sends out *AZ Legislative Alerts* by email and keeps everyone informed. Every state needs someone like her.

Rev. Peter Morales offered some thoughts – He is very proud of the work happening here in Arizona. He noted it is hard to see things in a hopeful way when you are in the midst of the situation but you never know how things can turn and change by what we do.

We can all do something to help in the work toward Justice. I hope this gives you some inspiration. Justice is such important aspect of our faith. And joining together we can bring about positive changes in our states and beyond.



Nick Reachmack, with Liz Swan, UUJAZ Board Chair and Rev. Peter Morales



This group show—the last in the 2015-2016 series of “seasonal” exhibits—opened on April 18th.

If you have not yet seen this exhibit—or want to see it again—please plan to attend the Closing Reception on June 11th from 6-8 pm celebrating the end of our 2015/2016 season.

At this reception there will once again be an opportunity to help Gallery35 raise funds to benefit Helene and BJ's Place, Community Church's shelter for the homeless where approximately 10 men receive safe housing and nourishment each night all year round. Church members are especially encouraged to come and contribute to this worthy cause!

Gallery35 Chair Virginia Asman will be visiting from Santa Fe and hopes to see many of you on that evening.

Season 2016/2017

Members of Gallery35 have planned an exciting lineup of exhibits for the coming season beginning in September 2016 with a show featuring self-portraits. Look for some surprising artwork depicting the way the artists see themselves! Following this opening exhibit will be a duo show by Ellen Mandelbaum and Karen Fitzgerald. During December and January, we will be presenting a works on paper exhibit after which we will be reaching out with an artists' invitational show. Rounding out the season will be an exhibit featuring all kinds of “scapes”—land, urban and nature.

More About Gallery35 ~ Coming in The Fall

By Ellen Mandelbaum

"I'm delighted to be planning a show with Karen Fitzgerald this autumn at the church's Gallery35. We'll be showing her gilded panels, often made with 23 Karat gold leaf, and my stained glass along with other examples of our art. Both of us use gorgeous traditional crafts in a fresh and exciting way.

Karen is a friend, an excellent artist, and a new member of Gallery35. I'm known for my stained glass and have been a long- time member of the gallery."

"Glass and Gold"

Sat Oct 29 – Opening Reception ~ 3-5:30 pm

Sun Nov 13 – Talk And Demonstration ~ 3: 30-5:30 pm

Sat Dec 3 – Closing Reception ~ 3-5



Ellen Mandelbaum
"Praying For The Seasons", 2016,
19"h x 26"w,
Kiln-fired painting on
stained glass.



Karen Fitzgerald
"The Moon is Dreaming of a Flower", 2015,
24" diameter, oil with 23k
gold on panel.

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Classical Vocal Arts for Children – Sundays, 12:30-2 pm, Gallery (Regular Schedule – 2nd and 4th Sundays)
Cheryl Warfield, Artistic Director of Manhattan Opera Repertory Ensemble, known as *MOREOpera*, will offer a year-long series of classical vocal arts for children and youth, including music appreciation and chorus training program open to all children aged 6-14 (some flexibility) so invite family, friends and neighbors too. There is no tuition fee. New children always welcome. Questions – Contact Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, vlynch@ccny.org or 212-683-4988.

Hatha Yoga with Nafisa Degani – Tuesdays, 6-7:30 pm and Saturdays, 12:30-2 pm, Rear Lounge
Hatha Yoga is a branch of yoga which concentrates on physical health and mental well-being. Hatha yoga uses bodily postures (asanas), breathing techniques (pranayama), and meditation (dyana) with the goal of bringing about a sound, healthy body and a clear, peaceful mind. Please bring a yoga mat to the class. (No sessions on major holiday weekends.)

NYC Street Singers – Most Tuesdays, 7 pm, 3rd Floor Classroom
The NYC Streetsingers are now doing community outreach with Sing for Hope, a volunteer artists program that performs in Healthcare facilities throughout NYC. Open to all who also believe in the transformative power of the arts to inspire and unite, please join us on Tuesday evenings. For more information, please contact Cheryl Lisbin clisbin25@aol.com

Religious Education and Family Ministries Picnic
Sunday, June 12, 12:15-2 pm, Front Lounge/Backyard
Everyone is invited to celebrate the conclusion of the Sunday School year and the beginning of summer.

Transitions
June 26, July 24, August 21, September 4, 12:45-2 pm, Chapel
This group will explore the internal shifts required during periods of transition. We will focus on aspects of William Bridges' seminal text *Transitions: Making Sense of Life's Changes*.

Worship Reflections
July 10, and August 7, 12:45-1:45 pm – Chapel
Join us for a follow-up discussion of the sermon topic after fellowship hour... a chance to discuss reactions and feelings that emerge.

Young Adult Brunch
June 19, July 3, 17, and 31, and August 14 and 28, 12:45-2 pm – Off Campus. Meet by elevator/Lower Level.
Young adults are invited to gather for lively discussion and great food. Facilitated by our new Ministry Assistant Irene Jenkins.

JUNETEENTH

***We Love You Shirley* with Sharon Hope**

Sunday, June 19, 12:30-3:30 pm, Assembly Hall
Our JUNETEENTH Celebration will take place on the actual date of the holiday, Sunday, June 19, from 12:30-3:30 pm in the Gallery. Tickets (\$10.00) include lunch, live jazz, and a performance by Sharon Hope. They are on sale at the Book Stall. Please contact Esther Rosado if you are interested in helping with the event. This year's Juneteenth celebration is co-sponsored by Esther Rosado, Director of Lifespan Religious Education; Community Women, Reena Konda, Chair; and the Anti-Racism Team, Sophia Adele Whitney and Bob Gumbs, Co-Chairs.



Gallery35 ~ The Spring Collection ~ Closing Reception

Saturday, June 11, 6-8 pm, Gallery
Join us for an evening of fellowship and refreshments as we view/purchase the works of our Gallery35 artists. Selected works by Gallery35 members and several outside artists will be for sale to benefit Helene and BJ's Place – Community's homeless shelter. They donated these pieces to help further the shelter's work of providing a year-round clean and safe space for approximately 10 men each night.

Secular Humanist Society of New York Book Club

First Thursdays – Thursdays, June 2, July 7, August 4 and September 1, 7-8:30 pm, Front Lounge
Some of us will have dinner together afterwards at a nearby (inexpensive) restaurant. Please join us. Join us even if you haven't finished reading. The book club is open to all ... and free!

Card Making Circle

Sunday, June 12, 1:00-3:00 pm, Gallery
Join us for afternoon of crafting fun. Make cards for holidays or other special occasions. Supplies will be provided but feel free to bring your own as well.

Studying Humanism

Monday, June 6, 6:30-8:30 pm, Gallery
A monthly study group facilitated by John Rafferty of the Secular Humanist Society of New York. Last session before summer break.

First Saturday Feeding of the Hungry in the Bowery

First Saturdays, June 4, July 2, August 6, and September 3 10:45 am-12 pm
We invite you to help the Sai Baba Group feed the hungry on the First Saturday of each month. We meet on Forsyth, just south of

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Houston at 10:45 am. Please bring vegetarian food to share with the over 100 people who come. This is an outdoor event so dress for the weather. For more information, contact Valerie Lynch at vlynch@ccny.org or 212-683-4988.

Social Tea

Tuesday, June 14, 2:00 pm, Assembly Hall

Join us for the last Social Tea before the summer break. Harold Wright is an independent Kemetologist. He studied under Dr. Yosef Ben-Jochannan, Egyptologist and Historian, Dr. John Henrik Clarke. He is also a student Medu Neter, commonly known as Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphics. The presentation will be a powerpoint presentation on Ancient Kemet: The Pharonic Order.

Anti-Racism Team – Summer Break

Green Sanctuary Events – Summer Break

Quarterly Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 5, 1-3 pm, Assembly Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend. Members will be voting on the 2016-17 Operating and Capital Budgets. Lunch will be available.



Other Opportunities



On Summer Break ~ www.peoplesvoicecafe.org

Esperanto Society – On Summer Break

Henry George School is offering classes at Community on various evenings. Community Church Members and Friends are welcome – no fee. For more information contact (212) 889-8020 or email.

MIDSUMMER Messiah

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

Refreshments 12:30 pm

in the Assembly Hall

MidSummer Messiah Event
12:45 pm in the Assembly Hall

With Hosts

Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson

Dr. Janice Marie Johnson

and

Gerald A. Brown, Music Director

For more information please contact

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Members Out and About This Summer

ATTENDING CAMP

I had an interesting two weeks at an adult camp in Falls River, Connecticut. It was a religious Jewish Camp and they had services on Friday night for the orthodox and for the non-orthodox. I was in the latter category. It was good to get away from the city and see a family of geese floating on the lake and frogs vocalizing at night.



We had many activities from morning till night. One was called "nature connection" where we walked to a farm with vegetables that we ate for our meals. Another was "tai chi". Another was a lecture called "Jews for Jazz" which was a presentation with movies of the many Jewish people who were famous musicians like Paul Whiteman and Benny Goodman and Sammy Davis, Jr. in the 40's. We were near Tanglewood and Jacob's Pillow and I went on a trip to see a music and dance concert. I gave a piano concert there and played many of my pieces that I knew very well. It was well received. The only thing I didn't like were the 'gnats'. I had to apply insect repellent on my skin all the time. Other than that, it was a very pleasant vacation.~ Lois Ross



Mae Tabbanor in Virginia Beach with her family (nephew, Ed) on an outing to the Botanical Gardens.



Wade Hampton & Helene Summa in (above) Prague, (bottom left) Vienna and (bottom right) Budapest



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Healing With Light And Laser

By Teresa Hommel

After two arthroscopic surgeries my knees were increasingly weak and painful. Then I read *The Brain's Way of Healing* by Norman Doidge M.D. His chapter on healing with light and laser mentioned cartilage regrowth. I found a chiropractor in Brooklyn, who offered the exact treatment which required only 12 sessions, three times a week for four weeks, at \$30 per knee per session. (Contact Valerie Lynch for doctor's name if needed)

The first time the chiropractor strapped the light pad on my knee and turned it on (red light, then infrared, then laser) a thrilling

warmth spread through my body. Afterward, on the subway back to Manhattan, people were sneaking glances at me. I didn't know why. I climbed the eighty steps to my apartment with ease, ate dinner, and went to bed. Somehow something was strange—I raised up one arm and it was glowing in the dark. I went to sleep laughing.

Now, after eleven treatments, I feel wonderfully clearminded and energized, and my knees are almost as strong as when I was a young athlete. I want to share this good news with everyone who has cartilage problems.

Great Ways to Get Involved at Community

Join the Volunteer Choir— New Singers Welcome!

Rehearsals on most Sundays, 12:45-2 pm, Hall of Worship

Would you like to be part of our volunteer choir?

If you are interested, please contact Jerry Brown, our Director of Music
email jbrown@ccny.org or call 212-683-4988, ext. 33.

Pulpit Flowers and Art

enhance our Sunday worship experience at Community Church.

There are several Sundays still available for those who wish to donate for flowers or loan a work of art.

It is a lovely way to honor or memorialize special people in your life.

Please contact Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, at vlynch@ccny.org 212-683-4988, ext. 19 for more information.

Fellowship Hour Hosts

We invite everyone to consider hosting the Fellowship Hour.

It is a fun way to meet visitors, members and friends.

Please contact Valerie Lynch at vlynch@ccny.org or 212-683-4988, ext. 19.

BJ's and Helene's Place – Men's Shelter

Shelter Volunteers are always needed – They work in teams and training is provided.

Please contact George Garland gagarland@gmail.com or Fred Corden fcorden@me.com for details.

Visiting and Writing to Homebound Members and Friends of Community

We are now seeking volunteers who would like to visit and/or write notes to our homebound Members and Friends.

Please contact Odella Washington, chair of our Caring Network at 718-379-1934 or

Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, at vlynch@ccny.org for more information.

Office Volunteers

The office staff could use your help! We need a Friday person.

Please contact Thea Trent at ttrent@ccny.org or call or 212-683-4988.

Community Church Volunteers Provide Aid To Asylum Seekers

By Christie Jeffers

Several current and former members of Community Church are involved in New Sanctuary Coalition projects that aid asylum seekers fleeing violence in their native countries. Christie Jeffers volunteers weekly at the Asylum Clinic recording narratives and preparing applications for refugees who cannot afford an attorney. The 'friends' (our term for refugees) are referred by immigration attorneys who have verified that they meet the standards for asylum but are unable to offer them *pro bono* service.

Myrna Charry, Linda Novenski, Maureen Holder, Mary Dugan and Christie participate in the Accompaniment program, which mobilizes a protective group to escort friends to court hearings and mandatory check-ins. Accompaniment helps ensure a fair process, lets ICE know the friend has supporters and provides psychological support at these proceedings, which have the potential to end in immediate deportation. There is another, profoundly important, benefit to Accompaniment: we find that our presence is influencing judges to delay and even dismiss deportation actions.

Immigration reform is on hold until a more sympathetic Congress provides relief from draconian laws. Meanwhile, New Sanctuary is inventing ways to stop deportations and maintain refuge for friends seeking safety in the US. Says Ravi Ragbir, director of New Sanctuary Coalition New York City, "We teach them how to treat us, and we make our own rules." New Sanctuary is seeking volunteers and provides superb training for Asylum Clinic and Accompaniment. We also are recruiting volunteers for phone bank and letter writing campaigns.

Community Church has been a member of the New Sanctuary Coalition since 2009. For more information about volunteering, please contact Ravi Ragbir, 646-395-2925, ravi@newsanctuarynyc.org or Christie Jeffers, 212-614-3079, jeffers.christie@gmail.com.

A Speech Support Group at Community

By Stephen Auerbach

Our Speech Support Group is comprised of adult stutterers.

All of us in the group are in the same boat: we started having difficulty speaking when we were young children – (current thinking: stuttering is a genetic congenital pre-disposition to have trouble making word sounds; current theory: there is a "short circuit" in the brain's wiring that causes delay between intent to speak and ability to speak; all children have stress; stress manifests itself in different ways in different children, depending on where in each child is the most vulnerable physical location, i.e: stomach aches, or head aches, or in our case, our vulnerability trying to connect intent to speak with the act of speaking.)

So we must re-learn how to speak. We practice very hard to abandon all the "speech garbage" we've self-taught over the years to get past our speech "blocks"— how to blast through a feared sound, how to avoid a feared word, how to substitute a word we don't fear for a word we do fear. (In a restaurant we order the dish we can say, not the food we really want.) (Our speech struggles are quite visible to our listener; our pain is reflected in their eyes; we see their eyes and our pain worsens.)

Most of us (but not all of us) began our recovery journey by meeting Dr. Martin Schwartz (now retired) in the 1970s and up to the late 1990's. He is our mentor and guide. He invented the "air flow" technique of doing a very passive sigh and while sighing (or flowing) we then make one sound, one slowed syllable, and then say the rest of the word or sentence.

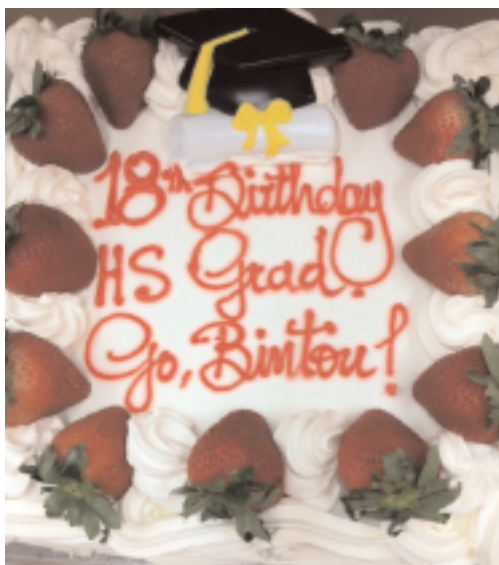
It's a difficult slog – learning, practicing, etc.—, but there are times, if/when we practice long enough and correctly, when it all comes together.

That is the purpose of our support group. Our meetings start with relaxation breathing (belly breathing is encouraged), then practicing the air flow into single sounds or simple words. Then we have very carefully designed exercises that Dr. Schwartz invented. Finally we attempt general conversation – where I insist that everyone "use technique".

We welcome anyone who is a secondary stutterer – that is an adult who acknowledges he/she does stutter, and one who always has "anticipatory anxiety", the expectation to fail, to be dis-fluent. The fee is \$2.00 per person per meeting so we can contribute to Community Church for the use of the 3rd floor at 28 East 35th Street.

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Happy 18th Birthday and HS Graduate ~ Bintou!



Juneteenth Celebration

Photos by Linda Novinenski



HERE AT COMMUNITY

"As Long As A Man's Name Is Spoken, He's Alive" (Talmud)

Reflections by Gisela Schilling-Chlanda

This is artist Gunter Demnig's inspiration for his project Stumbling Stones. It started in 1992.

Over 50,000 "stones" have been placed in 18 European countries to date with more to be added.

The project is a symbolic dedication to the memories of all victims of the Holocaust.

The artist created brass memorial plates that are attached to cobblestone sized cement tubes. Each one has the inscription

HERE LIVED

NAME

Birthdate and date of the last place a person has been known to live

and then they get inserted into the pavement at that address.

After a person's history has been authenticated, the plaques get ordered. They are installed by the artist.

He has appointments well into 2017. The project continues.

I am touched by the gentle reminders to never forget.

see www.stolpersteine.eu/en

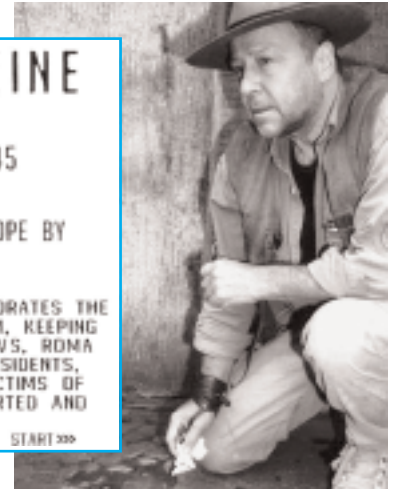


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Expressions Of The Self SEPTEMBER 10–OCTOBER 23, 2016

By Virginia Asman

Self-Portrait Workshop/Valerie Lynch: September 11, 1 pm
Artists' Reception: September 17, 6-8 pm
Closing Event: October 23, 12:30-1:30 pm

Gallery35 is opening its 2016/2017 season with **Expressions of the Self**—a themed exhibit that is a big departure from recent shows. Fourteen member artists have risen to the challenge of creating work that define “how they see themselves” using a variety of media including painting, photography and collage.

In portraying themselves, the artists have employed realism, abstraction, caricature, metaphor and interactivity with the viewer. *Closely examine the Expressions of the Self graphic for a sneak peak!*



The exhibit features self-portraits by:
Bev Thompson • Cari Clare,
Denise Fryburg • Ingrid Sletten,
John Connors • John Devaney,
Kevin H Maxwell • Lois Ross,
Marilyn Boddeyn • Rick Perez,
Susan Harris-Demmet • Teresa Hommel,
Valerie Lynch • Virginia G Asman.

Gallery35 hopes that this compelling exhibit will inspire everyone who sees it to contemplate what would be their own “expression of the self”!

Glass And Gold OCTOBER 23–DECEMBER 3, 2016

Artists' Reception: October 29, 3-5:30 pm
Workshop, Gallery Talk: November 13, 3:30-5:30 pm
Closing Reception: December 3, 3-5pm

Following Expressions of the Self, **Gallery35** is pleased to present **Glass and Gold**, a two-person show. This exciting exhibit will feature stained glass painting, gilded work and water colors by **Ellen Mandelbaum** and **Karen Fitzgerald**.



Both recognized artists, each brings a focus on light to their oeuvres. Mandelbaum began her career as a painter, but switched to working with glass. In 2006 Mandelbaum and Fitzgerald studied gilding together with master gilder, Bill Gauthier. Both artists incorporate gilding in their work.

Mandelbaum's work appears in many public spaces; she has been commissioned to create glass-based work across the United States. Her work often exhibits a gestural brushwork with roots in the Abstract Expressionist style. **Fitzgerald** has exhibited across the U.S. as well. Her work utilizes gilded grounds and is done on tondo forms. She has been working exclusively with the round form for nearly 30 years.

Light suffuses our world—its energy shapes the mood of each day. Both of these artists are at once using light as a primary, expressive tool, yet also exploring the metaphorical and metaphysical aspects of light.

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OPPORTUNITIES 2015

Hatha Yoga with Nafisa Degani – Tuesdays, 6-7:30 pm / Saturdays, 12:30-2 pm, Rear Lounge

Hatha Yoga is a branch of yoga which concentrates on physical health and mental well-being. Hatha yoga uses bodily postures (asanas), breathing techniques (pranayama), and meditation (dyana) with the goal of bringing about a sound, healthy body and a clear, peaceful mind. Please bring a yoga mat to the class. (No sessions on major holiday weekends.)

NYC Street Singers – Most Tuesdays, 7 pm, 3rd Floor Classroom (Often meets at local parks in the summer)

The NYC Streetsingers are now doing community outreach with Sing for Hope, a volunteer artists program that performs in Healthcare facilities throughout NYC. Open to all who also believe in the transformative power of the arts to inspire and unite, please join us on Tuesday evenings. For more information/summer meeting locations, please contact clisbin25@aol.com.

Classical Vocal Arts for Children

Homecoming Concert

September 11, 12:30 pm, Assembly Hall

New series begins October 23

2nd and 4th Sundays

12:30-2 pm, Gallery

Cheryl Warfield, Artistic Director of Manhattan Opera Repertory Ensemble, known as MOREOpera, will offer a new series of classical vocal arts for children and youth, including music appreciation and chorus training program open to all children aged 6-14 (some flexibility) so invite family, friends and neighbors too. There is no tuition fee. New children always welcome. Questions – Contact Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, vlynch@ccny.org or 212-683-4988, ext. 19.

Worship Reflections

2nd Sundays – September 11, 12:45-1:45 pm – Chapel

An informal conversation about the topics raised in the sermon and other things on people's minds and hearts.

Young-at-Heart Potluck Brunch

4th Sundays – September 25, 12:15-1 pm

Join us for an All Ages Potluck Brunch during Fellowship Hour. We invite you bring a dish to share and to "come as you are".

Secular Humanist Society of New York Book Club

First Thursdays, September 1, 7-8:30 pm, Front Lounge

Some of us will have dinner together afterwards at a nearby (inexpensive) restaurant. Please join us. Join us even if you haven't finished reading. The book club is open to all ... and free! See www.shsny.org for titles.

First Saturday Feeding of the Hungry in the Bowery

Saturday, September 3, 10:45 am-12 pm, Offsite

We invite you to help the Sai Baba Group feed the hungry on the First Saturday of each month. We meet on Forsyth, just south of Houston at 10:45 am. Please bring vegetarian food to share with the over 100 people who come. This is an outdoor event so dress for the weather. For more information contact Valerie Lynch at vlynch@ccny.org or 212-683-4988, ext. 19.

Card Making Circle

Sunday, September 4, 1-4 pm, Front Lounge

Join us after Fellowship Hour (or later after the film) for an afternoon of crafting fun. Make cards for the holidays or other special occasions. Supplies will be provided but feel free to bring your own as well.

Expressions "Self Portrait" Workshop

Sunday, September 11, 1-3 pm, Gallery

Gallery35 hopes that their upcoming art show will inspire everyone who sees it to contemplate what would be their own "expression of the self"! A workshop on creating your own "self-portrait" will be offered on Homecoming Sunday. No particular art talent is needed. Supplies will be provided. Come for an afternoon of creativity along with the opportunity to get a sneak preview of the new exhibit.

Speech Support Group – Tuesdays, September 6 and 20, 6:30-8:15 pm, 3rd Floor Classroom

This monthly group is open to Community members and friends. It welcomes anyone who is a secondary stutterer – that is an adult who acknowledges he/she does stutter, and one who always has "anticipatory anxiety", the expectation to fail, to be dis-fluent. Our meetings start with relaxation breathing, then follows with specific exercises and then conversation using the taught techniques. There is a \$2 fee per meeting. (See article on page 4)

Pathways Series – Let's Get Acquainted

Sunday, September 25, 12:45-1:30 pm, Conference Room

What does it mean to be a Unitarian Universalist? What does it mean to be a member of Community Church? In order to help answer these questions, we offer our Pathways Classes. This session is led by Rev. Bruce Southworth, our Senior Minister. He will share his journey and brief history of the church. This session will give people a chance to ask questions about our church as well as what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist.

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Coming Next Month.

Anti-Racism Team

The team will offer films and discussions on various Sundays.

Social Tea

Join us for a guest speaker, conversation and light refreshments resuming later this fall.

UNGA Forum

Sunday, October 16, 1 pm, Assembly Hall
United Nations and Global Affairs Committee will offer a forum celebrating the birthday of the UN.

Esperanto Society – Third Fridays, 7 pm, 3rd Floor Classroom (October-May)

Henry George School is offering classes at Community on various evenings. Community Church Members and Friends are welcome – no fee. For more information contact (212) 889-8020 or email info@hgsss.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH – 11 am

- September 11 – Homecoming Program
 - September 18 – Sunday School Begins
- Register now. All Children and Youth are Welcome!
Contact Esther Rosado, DLRE, 212-683-4988 ext. 23.



Church Meetings

Governance/Committee Meetings:

Board of Trustees Meetings – 4th Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Gallery (potluck at 6 pm)

Church Council Meetings – Meets Quarterly (next mtg. TBA) 6 pm
Potluck, 6:30-7:30 pm Meeting, Gallery

Finance Committee – 3rd Wednesdays, 6 pm, Gallery

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Monday, September 12 (usually 1st Mondays, 6 pm, Conference Room)

UN and Global Affairs Committee – 2nd Sundays, 1-2:15 pm, Conference Room (Nov date will be changed)

Other Opportunities



Peoples' Voice Cafe – Fall 2016
at Community Church of NY, lower level
40 East 35th Street, NY, NY 10016
Most Saturdays at 8:00 pm, Assembly Hall
Doors open 7:30 pm • www.peoplesvoicecafe.org

Here's what's coming up:

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HERE AT COMMUNITY

Introducing Julio Torres, Student Intern



Julio Torres was raised in New York City and ethnically Puerto Rican. Since 2005 he has been in the U.S. Army, with six years in active duty as military Intelligence and five years in the Reserves. During that time he discovered Unitarian Universalism, after having been raised Roman Catholic, and exploring various forms of Neo-Paganism. During his time in the Reserves, he has received a B.A. in Global History from John Jay College of Criminal Justice and is currently in Union Theological Seminary. His current focus is an interdisciplinary exploration of poverty.

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HERE AT COMMUNITY From Our Members

Good And Bad News From The Bee Hives

By Gisela Schilling-Chlanda

Ed is the beekeeper. I am the chef. I plant flowers and herbs bees like.

Some of you got a taste of our best honey harvest ever from 2015. The most rewarding was about a cancer patient who enjoyed our honey when little else was difficult to swallow before surgery. She is fine now.

Bad news: Two bee hives made it through winter and then one just froze during a polar vortex with spring in sight.

Very sad to see 30,000+ bees frozen to death.

More sad news, too, that global warming with a lack of rain in our area seems to have affected the honey flow we normally see when the bees start filling up the combs with their nectar and

pollen collection. They are feeding

like crazy now on the Sedum Autumn Joy but...no excess honey in the combs. W'll see. Be positive.

The season ain't over yet.

Good news: I discovered a carton labelled "Caning Jars" I had set aside in our playroom. I had forgotten about it.

It contains half a dozen big jars filled with honey from our super harvest and honey doesn't spoil! And... we know our honey lovers!



P.S. We are always scouting for suitable roof tops in Manhattan to keep bees. We definitely see some possibilities in the neighborhood!!!

Portrait of Self

Asked to make a portrait of myself
I meandered through more than eight decades to find me -
But it was the words that began to paint the picture.

Who? When? What?
A myriad of Sandys flashed in rapid succession:

Child of immigrants, avid schoolgirl, only child -
Aspiring actress, hopeful teen ballerina,
piano lessons, folk guitar and hootenannies,
marriage, children, marriage
a sometimes grandma,
political activist in a changing world.

Aging, health issues and healing,
Friends and connections lost and lost again
Reaching out to fill the voids,
ever searching for self and stasis
in a portrait whose paint is not yet dry.

Sandy Brooks
Oct. 11, 2016

The Gardener by David Goldberg

You cannot garden from afar
You must get down and dig the dirt
Down on hands and knees
Trying not to kill
A worm that may
be living underneath

You see a weed
You start to pull
You pull a plant
And leave the root
Then without a tool
You start to dig
With fingers and with nails

Now you're sitting on your heels
A piece of root in hand
All except the very end
Which still lives with the worm

About a month from now
When you get down to dig
You'll find the self-same weed
And pull it up again

HERE AT COMMUNITY

Homecoming The Children's Vocal Arts Choir Concert



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The United Nations ~ Save The Date! Sunday, October 16, 2016

By Fay Bennett Lord

For those who follow the United Nations and global activities, New York City is the headquarters of the United Nations and welcomes high level officials from around the globe to the annual meeting of the General Assembly. Since 1945, leaders of nations (now up to more than 193), have gathered in New York City to discuss the complex issues of peace, security, and economic development for the world's peoples.

From the devastation of two world wars, numerous conflicts exist, in Africa; the Middle East (Israel, Palestine, Yemen, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Turkey); in Asia (nuclear tests in North Korea, TPP); in Europe (Ukraine/Crimea, Russia, impact of Brexit, Refugee Crisis, ISIS terror); in North America (US, Mexico, Canada, with migrants, human rights abuses, terrorism, trade inequities, and drug cartels); in Central and South America (banking, human trafficking, borders, drug disputes, and untold human suffering from economic inequalities), among other global issues with the law of the seas, in outer space, Indigenous Peoples' Rights and those fighting for statehood.

The upcoming UN sessions will focus on the traditional spectrum of security, peace, and growth as well as grapple with ecological and environmental threats to the planet, including intelligence leaks and terror tactics via social media and the Internet in the struggle for social justice. Moreover, the United Nations, NGOs

(nongovernmental organizations), and civil society, remain committed to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals which will be highlighted at the United Nations and Global Affairs celebration of United Nations Sunday with a luncheon (\$7) and UN Roundtable at Community Church on October 16, 2016 (12:30 to 2:30pm).

SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, October 16, 2016



Our UN Roundtable will include well-renowned journalist, Glen Ford of the Progressive Radio Network (www.PRN.com), UN experts and Adam Ashraf, a new committee member who was born in Egypt and studies film at NYU's campus in the United Arab Emirates.

Feel free to join us for the 71st UN birthday, at Community Church of NY

The theme is: UN challenges in Social Media in the 21st century. Attendees are invited to share their ideas in a talk back (three minutes) at the UN program. Our guest speaker will be introduced by the Honorable David D. Strachan and the UN Roundtable will be moderated by our chair, Dr. George Garland (gagarland@gmail.com).

For further details, call Nicole Lord, UN Vice Chair at (212) 405-1885; to participate, contact: Dr. F. B. Lord, UN programs (flord459@aol.com). Hope to see family, friends, students, business, church and UN partners there!



Annual Weekend Renewal – November 11–13, 2016

By Sandra Frank

The Unitarian Universalist Women's Association Metro District is pleased to present its ANNUAL WEEKEND RENEWAL RETREAT from Friday, November 11 through Sunday, November 13, 2016 at the St. Josephat's Retreat House in Glen Cove, NY. The program will be *Releasing Journey Home – the Process of Returning to Our Innate Wisdom and Authentic Selves* presented by Brenda Shoshanna. In her work as a therapist and long time student of releasing, Brenda has found this process transformative. You are invited to the work-

shop on the process of returning to our innate wisdom and authentic selves. In this process we learn to release painful feelings, thoughts and memories and to make friends with all parts of ourselves.

The releasing process is a wonderful, direct and simple means of dissolving self created obstacles. It undoes our craving to control and cling, so we can let go of negative attachments of all kinds. As we do so, our innate ability to be clear, kind, whole and healthy emerges naturally.

Brenda Shoshanna, Ph.D. worked for many years as a psychologist in private practice. She is a long term Zen practitioner, author, speaker and workshop leader. Her work focuses on integrating Eastern and Western psychology and philosophy and applying timeless wisdom to our everyday lives. She has offered over five hundred programs on all aspects of relationships, personal and spiritual development and authentic peace of mind. You may find more about her at her website brendashoshanna.com.

Registration available soon.

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Doolittle Grants Awarded in 2016 ~ A Vital Contribution to World Justice

By Rose Crayton, Chair

New Organizations

People's Voice Cafe, Incorporated – Grant Amount - \$2,000

C/O Kramer 477 17th Street • Brooklyn, NY 11215

The Doolittle grant will be used to increase performer, and consequently audience, diversity by providing funding for visiting artists' traveling expenses when necessary. The People's Voice Cafe, Incorporated (PVCi) provides a venue for performing artists whose work focuses on a variety of social justice issues. PVCi focuses largely on folk performers since they believe that folk music tends to be most rooted in social justice causes and is least financially sustainable for its artists.

The New York Foundation for the Arts – Grant Amount - \$2,500

Gulf to Gulf's "Blued Trees" Project

20 Jay Street, 7th Floor • Brooklyn, NY 11201

The Doolittle grant funds will be used to aid small landowners of limited economic means helping them protect themselves from unfair eminent domain seizures. It will also protect the forests on their land from eco-cide. Natural forests and undeveloped land can be considered eligible for eminent domain seizure because it is not "in use," unless there is another use for it which is deemed to be for "the public good." Many small landowners are facing such seizures to make way for natural gas pipelines. The Blued Trees project protects these small landowners and their forests by painting trees throughout the disputed property with non-toxic biodegradable blue paint. The grant will help the Blued Trees project to afford the materials, artists, organizers, and legal team needed to successfully protect the rights of these small landowners

Acacia in Kenya – Grant Amount - \$3,000

Joyce Mohr, President of Board

173 College Avenue • Somerville, MA 02144

The grant is to be used for general support including contributing to their goal of building a post-secondary girls' vocational training school. It was founded in 2005 for the purpose of providing education and basic necessities for at-risk girls in the Mumias, Western Kenya area. It became an official outreach project of First Parish Waltham, a Massachusetts Unitarian Universalist congregation and through partnership, with politicians, community leaders, donors and volunteers in western Kenya and the U.S. Beginning with 18 students, Acacia in Kenya founded the St. Elizabeth Lureko Girls school which to date has educated 500 young women who might not otherwise have the chance to attend secondary school.

Global Women's Strike/US – Grant Amount - \$1,200

Global Women's Strike/US

Phoebe Jones, Co-coordinator

P.O. Box 11795 • Philadelphia, PA 19101

The grant is to be used for general support. GWS is a grassroots network with national coordinations in a number of countries. It is an international multiracial organization working for recognition and payment for all caregiving work. GWS promotes the interest of all women, including women of color, indigenous and rural women, mothers, women in waged work, les-

bian, bisexual and TT women, sex workers, religious activists, women with disabilities, older and younger women. "Invest in Caring not Killing," is their motto for change. Consequently, Global Women's Strike has campaigned for the return of military budgets to communities worldwide, to use the \$1 trillion plus budgeted, to cover the essentials of life (water, sanitation, basic health, nutrition, literacy and a minimum income.

NEGES Foundation – Grant Amount - \$3,000

Marie Yolene Gateau

365 11th Street • Brooklyn, NY 11215

The grant is to be used for general support of efforts to strengthen and scale up their institutional capacity. Working in Haiti since 1997, NEGES foundation is a Haitian-American led non-profit organization that supports human rights through education and social enterprises in poorer communities in Haiti, located on the outskirts of the epicenter of the 2010 earthquake. Working in collaboration with partners in the community, NEGES Foundation provides services to create systemic changes through women's empowerment, economic development, disaster relief, capacity building, and health. Currents projects are focused on Sustainability, the Environment, Education and Social Development, Capacity Building, and Economic Development.

WBAI-FM Radio – Grant Amount - \$6,500

Andrea Katz, Interim Development Director

388 Atlantic Avenue • Brooklyn, NY 11217

WBAI-FM is a non-commercial, listener-supported radio station, broadcasting at "Free Speech" Radio 99.5 FM in New York City. Its programming is a mixture of political news, cultural offerings and opinion as well as various music programs. As a part of the Pacifica radio network, WBAI's mission is to foster understanding amongst nations and individuals, encourage creativity, and promote innovative, uncensored distribution of news. WBAI also offers programming and specials that target primarily audience segments typically underserved by most commercial media outlets. "First Voices Indigenous Radio" is an example while "Democracy Now" is presently WBAI's most widely distributed offering.

Haiti Education and Resource Team, Inc.— Award Amount - \$3,000

Schadrac St. Louis, Executive Director

P.O. Box 554 • Middletown, NY 10940

Also known as HEART in Haiti, the award is to be used for the specific project of helping to fund the planning, construction, education and installation of biodigestors at their HEART in Haiti school. This would create a biodigestion hub, which will provide clean cooking fuel, education for students and families and jobs for the community. The primary purpose is to introduce sustainable technology which increases the health of the people and land in Haiti. A bonus is that it is a way for the school to earn funding in Haiti directly, rather than depend solely on outside funding sources. The populations served include the school community, families of the children at the school and local people near the school. The anticipated length of the project is three years.

TOTAL: \$21,200.

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Ethelwyn Doolittle *continued*

Renewals from 2015

Lawyers Without Borders - Grant Amount - \$3,500
First Friends Corp. of N.J. & N.Y. - Grant Amount - \$2,000
Negro Aviators International, Inc. - Grant Amount - \$3,000
Bronx Freedom Fund - Grant Amount - \$4,000
Correctional Association of NY - Grant Amount - \$5,500
UU For Justice in the Middle East - Grant Amount - \$2,000
Doctors Without Borders - Grant Amount - \$4,500
Grace Outreach - Grant Amount - \$3,300 Imani House - Grant Amount - \$5,890
Jewish Voice for Peace - Grant Amount - \$4,500
Murray Grove Retreat & Renewal Center - Grant Amount - \$2,100
NYC New Sanctuary Coalition - Grant Amount - \$3,000
United Palestinian Appeal, Inc. - Grant Amount - \$3,000

TOTAL: \$46,290

Annual Memberships

Ali Forney Center - \$100
Center For Constitutional Rights - \$200
Hudson River Sloop Clearwater - \$200
Fortune Society - \$200
Interfaith Alliance - \$200
Interfaith Assembly For Homelessness And Housing - \$200
Murray Hill Neighborhood Association - \$60
NAACP - National Headquarters - \$200
NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. - \$200
New York Civil Liberties Union (the NY affiliate of The ACLU) - \$200
Queens Pride House - \$100
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee - \$250
Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office - \$200
Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation - \$200

TOTAL: \$2,510.

GRAND TOTAL: \$70,000

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September 17,
the UU Metro
NY District
hosted a
Homecoming
Luncheon for
People of Color.
You'll see
some familiar
faces!



Expressions Of The Self CLOSING EVENT: OCTOBER 23, 12:45-1:30 pm

By Virginia Asman

Gallery35 opened its 2016/2017 season with **Expressions of the Self**—a themed exhibit with a big departure from recent shows. Fourteen member artists rose to the challenge of creating work that define “how they see themselves” using a variety of media including painting, photography and collage. Gallery35 hopes you will take the opportunity to view this compelling exhibit and that it will inspire everyone who sees it to contemplate what would be their own “expression of the self”!



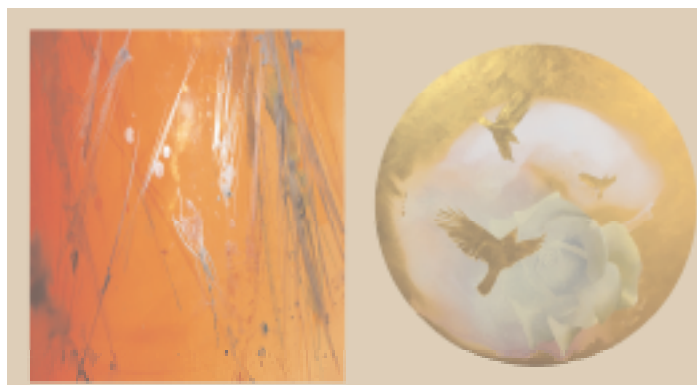
The exhibit features self-portraits by:
Bev Thompson • Cari Clare,
Denise Fryburg • Ingrid Sletten,
John Connors • John Devaney,
Kevin H Maxwell • Lois Ross,
Marilyn Boddeyn • Rick Perez,
Susan Harris-Demmet • Teresa Hommel,
Valerie Lynch • Virginia G Asman.

Gallery35 hopes that this compelling exhibit will inspire everyone who sees it to contemplate what would be their own “expression of the self”!

Glass And Gold OCTOBER 23–DECEMBER 3, 2016

Artists' Reception: October 29, 3-5:30 pm
Workshop, Gallery Talk: November 13, 3:30-5:30 pm
Closing Reception: December 3, 3-5pm

Following **Expressions of the Self**, **Gallery35** is pleased to present **Glass and Gold**, a two-person show. This exciting exhibit will feature stained glass painting, gilded work and water colors by **Ellen Mandelbaum** and **Karen Fitzgerald**.



Both recognized artists, each brings a focus on light to their oeuvres. Mandelbaum began her career as a painter, but switched to working with glass. In 2006 Mandelbaum and Fitzgerald studied gilding together with master gilder, Bill Gauthier. Both artists incorporate gilding in their work.

Mandelbaum's work appears in many public spaces; she has been commissioned to create glass-based work across the United States. Her work often exhibits a gestural brushwork with roots in the Abstract Expressionist style. **Fitzgerald** has exhibited across the U.S. as well. Her work utilizes gilded grounds and is done on tondo forms. She has been working exclusively with the round form for nearly 30 years.

Light suffuses our world—its energy shapes the mood of each day. Both of these artists are at once using light as a primary, expressive tool, yet also exploring the metaphorical and metaphysical aspects of light.

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OPPORTUNITIES 2016

Hatha Yoga with Nafisa Degani – Tuesdays, 6-7:30 pm / Saturdays, 12:30-2 pm, Rear Lounge

Hatha Yoga is a branch of yoga which concentrates on physical health and mental well-being. Hatha yoga uses bodily postures (asanas), breathing techniques (pranayama), and meditation (dyana) with the goal of bringing about a sound, healthy body and a clear, peaceful mind. Please bring a yoga mat to the class.

NYC Street Singers – Most Tuesdays, 7 pm, 3rd Floor Classroom (Often meets at local parks in the summer)

The NYC Streetsingers are now doing community outreach with Sing for Hope, a volunteer artists program that performs in Healthcare facilities throughout NYC. Open to all who also believe in the transformative power of the arts to inspire and unite, please join us on Tuesday evenings. For more information/summer meeting locations, please contact clisbin25@aol.com.

Classical Vocal Arts for Children Orientation/Open House

Sunday, October 16, 12:30-2 pm, Gallery

Regular Session Dates – October 30, November 13 & 27,



12:30-2 pm, Gallery

Cheryl Warfield, Artistic Director of Manhattan Opera Repertory Ensemble, known as MOREOpera, will offer a new series of classical vocal arts for children and youth, including music appreciation and chorus training program open to all children aged 6-14 (some flexibility) so invite family,

friends and neighbors too. There is no tuition fee. New children always welcome. The upcoming sessions will be held on October 30, and then follow a 2nd and 4th Sunday schedule. Questions: Contact Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, vlynch@ccny.org or 212-683-4988.26.

Worship Reflections

2nd Sundays – October 9 & November 13, 12:45-1:45 pm, Chapel

An informal conversation about the topics raised in the sermon and other things on people's minds and hearts.

Young at Heart Potluck Brunch

4th Sundays – October and November, 12:15-1 pm

Join us for an All Ages Potluck Brunch during Fellowship Hour. We invite you bring a dish to share and to "come as you are".

Studying Humanism – Monday, October 31 and November 28, 6:30-8:30 pm, Gallery

A monthly study group facilitated by John Rafferty of the Secular Humanist Society of New York.

Secular Humanist Society of New York Book Club

First Thursdays, October 6 and November 3, 7-8:30 pm, Front Lounge

Some of us will have dinner together afterwards at a nearby (inexpensive) restaurant. Please join us. Join us even if you haven't finished reading. The book club is open to all ... and free! See www.shsny.org for titles.

First Saturday Feeding of the Hungry in the Bowery

Saturday, October 1 and November 5, 10:45 am-12 pm, Offsite

We invite you to help the Sai Baba Group feed the hungry on the First Saturday of each month. We meet on Forsyth, just south of Houston at 10:45 am. Please bring vegetarian food to share with the over 100 people who come. This is an outdoor event so dress for the weather. For more information contact Valerie Lynch at vlynch@ccny.org or 212-683-4988, ext. 26.

Card Making Circle

Date and time to be announced.

Join us after Fellowship Hour for an afternoon of crafting fun.

Supplies will be provided but feel free to bring your own as well.

Gallery35-Glass and Gold Exhibition

Saturday, October 29, 3-5:30 pm, Gallery

Artists' Reception

Sunday November 13, 3:30-5:30 pm, Gallery

Workshop and conversation with the artists about the exhibit

Green Sanctuary Event

Sierra Club's Beyond Coal Campaign Fall Kick-Off!

Thursday, October 6, 6:30-8:30 pm, Assembly Hall

Join us to learn how you can get involved with Green Sanctuary and the Sierra Club's Beyond Coal campaign! Join us on to meet fellow activists, enjoy a light supper and learn how you can plug into the offshore wind action! RSVP to beyondcoal16@gmail.com

Book Reception

Monday, October 31, 6-8 pm, Gallery

We invite you to a book reception for Deep Denial: *The Persistence of White Supremacy in United States History and Life* by David Billings. The event will be facilitated by Sandy Bernabei who led the Anti-Racism Alliance at Community Church a couple of years ago.

Community Book Study

Sunday, October 23, 12:45-2 pm, Chapel

Join Rev. Bruce Southworth, along with Dr. Janice Marie Johnson and Julio Torres, our new Student Intern, for a 2 session study of *The Third Reconstruction: Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics, and the Rise of a New Justice Movement* by Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II. Second session date will be announced soon.

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Learning to Lead

November 20, 12:45-2 pm, Chapel

A conversation with Dr. Janice Marie Johnson – Lessons in leadership for people of faith.

Speech Support Group

Tuesday, October 4 and 18, and November 1, 15 and 29,
6:30-8:15 pm, 3rd Floor Classroom

This monthly group is open to Community members and friends. It welcomes anyone who is a secondary stutterer -- that is an adult who acknowledges he/she does stutter, and one who always has "anticipatory anxiety", the expectation to fail, to be dis-fluent. Our meetings start with relaxation breathing, then follows with specific exercises and then conversation using the taught techniques. There is a \$2 fee per meeting.

Anti-Racism Team Event

Sunday, November 20, 1 pm, Assembly Hall
Details soon!

Social Tea

Join us for a guest speaker, conversation and light refreshments – Dates and guest speakers will be announced soon..

UNGA Forum – UN challenges in Social Media in the 21st Century
Sunday, October 16, 1:00 pm, Assembly Hall
United Nations and Global Affairs Committee will be celebrating the 71st birthday of the UN with well-renowned journalist, Glen Ford of the Progressive Radio Network (www.PRN.com), UN experts, and Adam Ashraf, a new committee member who was born in Egypt and studies film at NYU's campus in the United Arab Emirates.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH – 11 am

Register now. All Children and Youth are Welcome!
Contact Esther Rosado, DLRE, 212-683-4988 ext. 23.



Governance/Committee Meetings:

Board of Trustees Meetings – 4th Wednesdays, 6 pm, Gallery

Church Council Meetings – Meets Quarterly (next mtg. TBA)

6 pm Potluck, 6:30-7:30 pm Meeting, Gallery

Finance Committee – 3rd Wednesdays, 6 pm, Gallery

Buildings and Grounds Committee – 1st Mondays, 6, 6 pm,
Conference Room

UN and Global Affairs Committee – 2nd Sundays, 1-2:15 pm,
Conference Room (Nov date will be changed)

Other Opportunities.

Esperanto Society – Third Fridays, 7 pm, 3rd Floor Classroom
(September-May)

Henry George School is offering classes at Community on various evenings. Community Church Members and Friends are welcome – no fee. For more information contact (212) 889-8020 or email info@hgsss.org.

SAVE THE DATE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 2016

at 12:45 pm IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL

Everyone welcome!



Peoples' Voice Cafe – Fall 2016
at Community Church of NY, lower level

40 East 35th Street, NY, NY 10016

All shows Most Saturday at 8:00 pm

• **Doors open 7:30 pm**

www.peoplesvoicecafe.org

Here's what's coming up:

October 1: Dani Savyon and Gerry Segal

October 8: Bill & Eli Perras and Fred Arcoleo & Amy Soucy

October 15: Benefit Concert for People' Music Network &
Peoples' Voice Cafe

October 22: Kevin Nathaniel and Mary Nell Morgan

October 29: Martin Daly and Carrie & Michael Kline

November 5: Hawaiian Music & Dance Night

November 12: Pam Parker + Judy Gorman

November 19: Sally Campbell + Jay Mankita

November 26: Closed for Thanksgiving weekend

Events Calendar for October 2016

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1 10:45 1st Saturday Feeding 12:30 Yoga with Nafisa 8:00 Peoples' Voice Café SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 9:30 Choir Rehearsal. 11:00 Morning Worship 11:00 Sunday School 12:15 Fellowship Hour 12:30 New Year Ritual 1:00 UN Global Affairs Mtg MONDAY, OCTOBER 3 6:00 Buildings & Grounds TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4 11:00 Sandy's Language Circle 6:00 Yoga with Nafisa 6:30 Speech Support 7:00 NYC Streetsingers WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5 6:30 Henry George School 6:30 Gallery35 Meeting	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6 6:30 Beyond Coal – Green Sanctuary Event 7:00 Secular Humanist Society Book Club FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7 6:30 Helene & BJ's Place Volunteers Cocktail Party SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8 12:30 Yoga with Nafisa 8:00 Peoples' Voice Café SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 9:30 Choir Rehearsal 11:00 Morning Worship 11:00 Sunday School 12:15 Fellowship Hour 12:45 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal 12:45 Worship Reflections MONDAY, OCTOBER 10 Columbus Day Holiday	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11 11:00 Sandy's Language Circle 6:00 Yoga with Nafisa 7:00 NYC Streetsingers WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12 Yom Kippur FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14 7:00 Esperanto Society SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 12:30 Yoga with Nafisa 8:00 Peoples' Voice Café SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 11:00 Morning Worship 11:00 Sunday School 12:15 Fellowship Hour 12:30 Children's Vocal Arts Choir 12:45 Young at Heart Potluck Brunch 12:45 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal 1:00 UNGA Forum	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18 11:00 Sandy's Language Circle 6:00 Yoga with Nafisa 6:30 Speech Support 7:00 NYC Streetsingers WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19 6:00 Finance Committee FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 7:00 Esperanto Society SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 12:30 Yoga with Nafisa 2:00 Gallery35 Self Portrait Exhibition 8:00 Peoples' Voice Café SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 9:30 Choir Rehearsal 11:00 Morning Worship 11:00 Sunday School 12:15 Fellowship Hour 12:15 Young at Heart Potluck Brunch 12:45 Community Book Study 12:45 Gallery35 Exhibition 12:45 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25 11:00 Sandy's Language Circle 6:00 Yoga with Nafisa 6:30 Studying Humanism 7:00 NYC Streetsingers WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26 6:30 Board of Trustees SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 12:30 Yoga with Nafisa 3:00 Gallery35-Glass & Gold Exhibition 8:00 Peoples' Voice Café SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 9:30 Choir Rehearsal 11:00 Morning Worship 11:00 Sunday School 12:15 Fellowship Hour 12:30 Children's Vocal Arts Choir 12:45 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal 3:00 Artists' Reception MONDAY, OCTOBER 31 6:00 Book Reception 6:30 Studying Humanism
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Credits & Guidelines

Members are encouraged to submit articles to *Community Connections*. The submission deadline is typically the first Wednesday of the month prior to issue date. Submissions can be emailed to info@ccny.org or hand delivered to the Church. Articles submitted are subject to proofing and editing for clarity, brevity, grammar, punctuation, spelling and content.

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Happy



Thanksgiving

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Planning Ahead for the Holidays

Thanksgiving Intergenerational Sunday
Join us for the traditional Cornbread Communion
on Sunday, November 20, at 11 am



Holiday Crafts Fair
Sunday, December 4th



Be sure to stay after church on December 4 and invite your friends and neighbors to our annual Holiday Crafts Fair in the Assembly Hall, 12:15 to 4 pm. You'll be able to find anything from affordable art to tee-shirts. Come and peruse the unique handcrafted items made by artisan members and friends of Community Church. Contact Jody Leight at j_cyberbunny@yahoo.com if you're interested in vending. Contact Lisa

Gluck at lgluckster@gmail.com to volunteer to help make or serve lunch or to donate food.

Rev. Bruce Southworth, Senior Minister
Esther Rosado, Director of Lifespan Religious Education
Gerald A. Brown, Director of Music
Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator
Jeffrey Loveland, Interim Church Administrator

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The Community Church of NY
Unitarian Universalist

40 East 35th St (between Park & Mad.) • NYC

December 4th, 2016 – 12:15-4:00 p.m.

Original gift & food items created by Artisan members
and friends of Community Church of New York
We look forward to seeing you there!

CHRISTMAS EVE AT COMMUNITY

Candle-Lighting Service

December 24th 4:30 p.m.

A service of readings, music
and carols concluding with a
candle-lighting ceremony.

Hot cider and cookies
will follow the service.



This
year we
again offer
the Christmas
portion (and Halleluiah
Chorus) of Händel's "Messiah."
The choir of approximately sixty members
will include members of the church,
as well as singers from the larger
community.
The service
will
begin at
7:30 p.m.

KWANZAA



January 1, we celebrate
the familial and cultural
wisdom and values from
the African tradition.

HANUKKAH

Lighting of the Menorah
Sunday, December 25 at 11 am

CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP

Sunday, December 25th

Special refreshments during Fellowship Hour
Noon ~ in the Assembly Hall

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Welcome New Members

Please welcome new Members **Karen Constantine** and **Leslie McKenzie**

Members Out and About



Caroline Perkins recently attended the IFMA/IFDA (International Foodservice Manufacturers / Distributors Associations) Presidents Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona, where she was awarded the Presidents' Award for her wonderful long time work in the industry. Caroline and Valerie Lynch had the chance to meet for dinner during the conference.



Shaun Randol's *The Mantle* is in the news again. Publishers Weekly and the Independent Book Publishers Association shared the QNS story about The Mantle being the only indie book publisher based in Queens, NY. The Mantle's publishing arm pays "close attention to voices with limited exposure in their home countries and the English language, as well as individuals experiencing censorship." Books published include *Gambit: Newer African Writing*; *The Treatise of Three Imposters*; *We Are All Blue*; and most recently *The Sound of Things to Come*. Be sure to check out Mantle Thought at www.mantlethought.org

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Gary Geoghegan
- 6 Ginger Ruckes-Brooks
- 6 Deborah de Bauernfeind
- 7 Joseph Wagner II
- 8 L. Oriana Linares
- 10 Sondra Brooks
- 10 Vernon Jacob
- 13 Harry Xanthakos
- 14 J. Andrea McMahon
- 18 Vera Lilly
- 20 Daniel McNatt
- 21 Sally Asiedu
- 24 Lois Ross
- 26 Dorothy Moore
- 29 Tina Redick
- 29 Patricia Garbarini

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

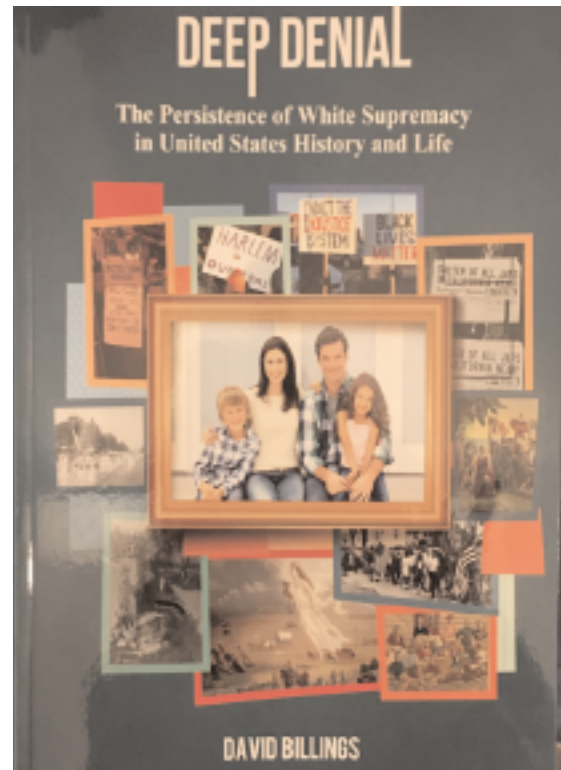
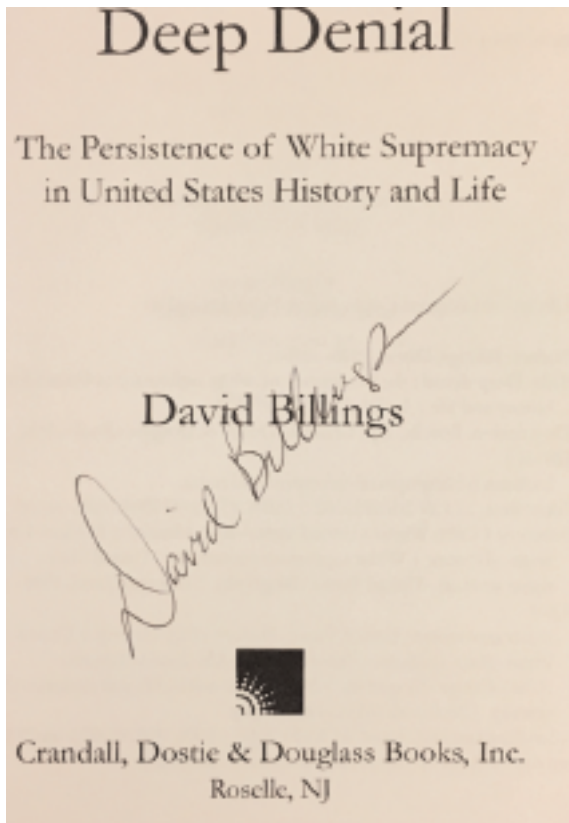
- 4 Rev. Louis Schwebius
- 8 Douglas Anderson
- 9 Peter Walter
- 12 Anna-Lisa Hafgren
- 12 Lucille McEwen
- 13 George Rainer
- 13 Heidi Siegfried
- 15 Juanita Ambrose
- 16 George Duckett
- 16 Jova Vargas
- 20 Harry French
- 24 Jo Ann Corkran
- 24 Naajia Hurd
- 24 Nancy Soloway
- 25 Harry Ezratty
- 25 Sheila Kaminsky
- 27Carolynn Julien
- 27 Marian Glassman
- 28 Khalilah Arrington
- 29 Corinne Padavano
- 30 Victor Bertini

HERE AT COMMUNITY

Conversation and Book Signing ~ October 31

By Valerie Lynch

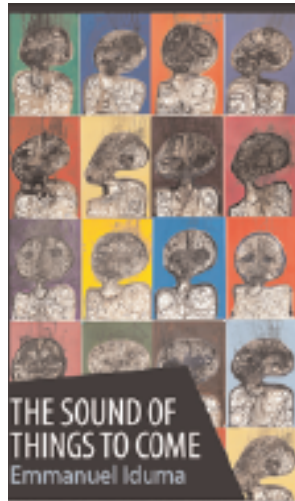
A Reception was held at Community Church on October 31 for author Rev. Dr. David Billings and his new book ***Deep Denial: The Persistence of White Supremacy in United States History and Life***. The larger than originally expected attendance (135 + people) made it necessary to move the event to the Assembly Hall. It was wonderful that Community Church could offer hospitality for that evening. Thanks to Sandy Bernabei, long-time friend of Community for facilitating.



L-R: Dr. Janice Marie Johnson, Rev. Dr. David Billings, Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson

HERE AT COMMUNITY

Social Tea

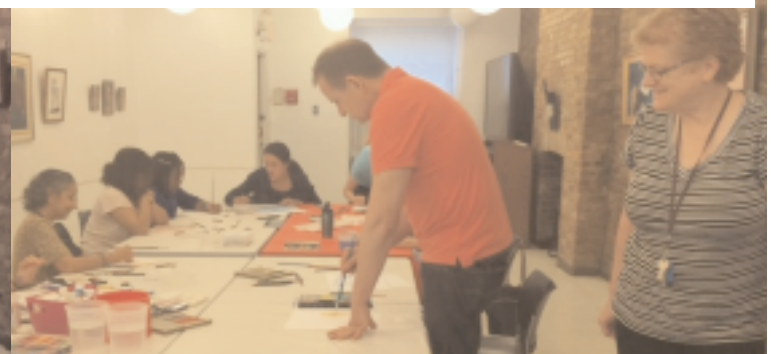


At the October Tea, author Emmanuel Iduma discussed his new novel, *The Sound of Things to Come*. Mr. Iduma was raised in Nigeria, where he trained as a lawyer. He received an MFA in art criticism and writing from the School of Visual Arts. He is a co-founder of *Saraba Magazine* and co-editor (along with Shaun Randol) of *Gambit: Newer African Writing*.



Artistic Endeavors at Community Church

Community Church is offering opportunities to explore your creativity – whether you feel you are artistic or not! In September, Kevin Maxwell along with Valerie Lynch, facilitated a Gallery35 session **Expressions "Self Portrait" Workshop**. Inspired by the *Expression of the Self* show, participants were invited to create their own "self-portrait". We had a wonderful time together. We will be offering more creative activities in the coming months. Please join us for future art sessions and/or the Card-Making Circle (returning soon). Note: Children are always welcome!





HERE AT COMMUNITY



Halloween Haunted House



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United Nations & Global Concerns Roundtable *UN Challenges in Social Media in 21st Century*



United Nations and Global Affairs Committee celebrated the 71st birthday of the UN with a forum and luncheon. Guest speakers included Glen Ford of the Progressive Radio Network and Adam Ashraf, a new committee member who was born in Egypt and studies film at NYU's campus in the United Arab Emirates.



Works on Paper

DECEMBER 4, 2016-JANUARY 28, 2017

ARTISTS' RECEPTION: DECEMBER 10 ~ 6-8 pm

By Virginia Asman



Imagine artwork created using many different media and involving widely diverse subjects but all rendered on one surface—paper! Such is the work of fourteen artists featured in Gallery35's third exhibit of the 2016-2017 season, **Works on Paper**.

For this exhibit, **Teresa Hommel** has chosen to show photographs—some depicting still life containing fruit and others dramatically detailing NYC architecture.

Karen Fitzgerald's pieces are both gilded with copper grounds. This gorgeous metal offers a distinctive energy and coloration unlike any other precious metal. She used oil paint in thin washes to create imagery that is often abstract, but always evocative.



Phyllis Malinow, (left) combining multicolored woodcuts with pastels and chine colle, has printed one of her pieces on Japanese Kochi paper.

Using a slightly different technique which includes original drawings, **Virginia Asman** is still exhibiting work inspired by her current abode in the southwest—a new series entitled *Horses on the Rocks!*

All this—plus the creativity of ten additional artists—promises to make for an exciting exhibit to warm the winter months!

Come join us at our Artists' Reception on December 10 from 6-8 pm.

Appointments to see the show at other times may be made by contacting gallery35ny@gmail.com.

Glass And Gold

CLOSING RECEPTION DECEMBER 3, 2016

By Ellen Manelbaum



If you haven't had a chance to see **Glass and Gold** there is still one more opportunity, Saturday, December 3 from 3:00-5:00 pm in the Gallery, 30 E. 35 Street. This extraordinary exhibit pairs stained glass and 23 karat gold paintings by two artists: Ellen Mandelbaum and Karen Fitzgerald, respectively. Both use their gorgeous traditional crafts in a fresh and exciting way. The exhibition features selected works by each artist, including watercolor studies that often inform their larger works. Mandelbaum's work additionally includes a mosaic made by a major German studio.

Both recognized artists, each brings a focus on light to their oeuvres. Mandelbaum began her career as a painter, but switched to working with glass. Her work appears in many public spaces; she has been commissioned to create glass-based work across the United States. Fitzgerald has exhibited across the US as well.

Her work utilizes gilded grounds and is done on tondo forms. She has been working exclusively with the round form for nearly 30 years. Both artists often work with watercolor as a point of inspiration.

The exhibit opened with a champagne reception October 29.

It was well attended and intensely viewed. North Adams artist, Betty Vera, summed it up, "The show: Fabulous! The whole thing works so beautifully." All are cordially invited to this last event.

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OPPORTUNITIES 2016~17

Hatha Yoga with Nafisa Degani

Tuesdays, 6-7:30 pm / Saturdays, 12:30-2 pm, Rear Lounge
Hatha Yoga is a branch of yoga which concentrates on physical health and mental well-being. Hatha yoga uses bodily postures (asanas), breathing techniques (pranayama), and meditation (dyana) with the goal of bringing about a sound, healthy body and a clear, peaceful mind. Please bring a yoga mat to the class.

NYC Street Singers

Most Tuesdays, 7 pm, 3rd Floor Classroom
The NYC Streetsingers are now doing community outreach with Sing for Hope, a volunteer artists program that performs in Healthcare facilities throughout NYC. Open to all who also believe in the transformative power of the arts to inspire and unite, please join us on Tuesday evenings. For more information please contact clisbin25@aol.com.

Classical Vocal Arts for Children

Regular Session Dates
Sundays, December 11, January 8, 22, 12:30-2 pm, Gallery
Concert at Community Church Holiday Party
Sunday, December 18, 12:30-1 pm, Assembly Hall
Cheryl Warfield, Artistic Director of Manhattan Opera Repertory Ensemble, known as MOREOpera, offers a new series of classical vocal arts for children and youth, including music appreciation and chorus training program open to all children aged 6-14 (some flexibility) so invite family, friends and neighbors too. There is no tuition fee. New children always welcome. The sessions follow a 2nd and 4th Sunday schedule. Throughout the year, the children will offer choral concerts that will be open to the general public. Questions – Contact Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, vlynch@ccny.org or 212-683-4988.

Worship Reflections

2nd Sundays – December 11 and January 8, 12:45-1:45 pm – Chapel
An informal conversation about the topics raised in the sermon and other things on people's minds and hearts.

Young Adult Gathering

Sunday, December 11, 12:45-2 pm
Meet in Conference Room with Julio Torres, our Student Minister.

Studying Humanism – Monday, January 30, 6:30-8:30 pm, Gallery (No December Session)

A monthly study group facilitated by John Rafferty of the Secular Humanist Society of New York.

Secular Humanist Society of New York Book Club

First Thursdays, December 1 and January 5, 7-8:30 pm, Front Lounge
Some of us will have dinner together afterwards at a nearby (inexpensive) restaurant. Please join us. Join us even if you haven't finished reading. The book club is open to all ... and free! See www.shsny.org for titles.

First Saturday Feeding of the Hungry in the Bowery

Saturday, December 3 and January 7, 10:45 am-12 pm, Offsite
We invite you to help the Sai Baba Group feed the hungry on the First Saturday of each month. We meet on Forsyth, just south of Houston at 10:45 am. Please bring vegetarian food to share with the over 100 people who come. This is an outdoor event so dress for the weather. For more information contact Valerie Lynch at vlynch@ccny.org or 212-683-4988, ext. 26.

Card Making Circle – Date to be Announced

Join us after Fellowship Hour for an afternoon of crafting fun. Supplies will be provided but feel free to bring your own as well.

Gallery35

Glass and Gold

Closing Reception – Saturday, December 3, 3-5 pm, Gallery
Ellen Mandelbaum and Karen Fitzgerald will be joining forces to exhibit glorious stained glass painting, gilding, and water colors.

Works on Paper

Artists' Reception: December 10, 6-8pm
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Green Sanctuary/Solar Energy Series

VIZN Flow Batteries

Tuesday, December 6, 5:30-8:15 pm, Assembly Hall
Guest speaker: Del D.H. Allison, ViZn Energy Systems, Inc.

Solar's Value: Policy and Regulation Discussion Between Two Energy Leaders

Tuesday, January 10, 5:30-8:15 pm, Assembly Hall
Guest speakers: Jigar Shah, President and Co-Founder of Generate Capital and Karl Rábago, Executive Director of the Pace Energy and Climate Center, at the Pace University School of Law

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Social Tea

Tuesdays, December 13 and January 31, 2-3:30 pm, Assembly Hall
Join us for a guest speaker, conversation and light refreshments.
December: *From Assimilation to Liberation* – Getting to know Julio Torres; from the fear of 9/11 attacks through military service to liberation and social justice.

Speech Support Group

Tuesdays, January 3 and 17, 6:30-8:15 pm, 3rd Floor Classroom
December 13 ~ Holiday Gathering off campus.
This monthly group is open to Community members and friends. It welcomes anyone who is a secondary stutterer – that is an adult who acknowledges he/she does stutter, and one who always has "anticipatory anxiety", the expectation to fail, to be dis-fluent. Our meetings start with relaxation breathing, then follows with specific exercises and then conversation using the taught techniques. There is a \$2 fee per meeting.

Annual Holiday Craft Fair

Sunday, December 4, 12:30-4 pm – Vendor Inquiries Now Being Accepted
We will once again feature food, fun, and fabulous crafts and gifts made by artisan members and friends of Community Church. For information about tables, contact Jody Leight at j_cyberbunny@yahoo.com or at (973) 673.7354.

Christmas Eve Messiah Choir Rehearsals

Begins Saturday/Sunday, December 3-4, 12:45-2:00 pm
Saturday/Sunday, December 10-11
Saturday/Sunday, December 17-18

Mandatory Rehearsal Wednesday, December 21, 6:30 pm

Join us for our first rehearsals. New singers are welcome.
Please contact Jerry Brown, Director of Music, Jbrown@ccny.org or 212 683-4988 ext. 33 by Friday December 16, if you would like to join this special choir.

Christmas Eve Services

Candle Lighting Service – Saturday, December 24, 4:30 pm
Followed with reception

Annual Händel's Messiah Concert – Saturday, December 24, 7:30-9:00 pm – No Tickets Required-Free Will Offering Taken



Christmas Day Fellowship

We invite you to join us for our Christmas celebration on Sunday, December 25 with special refreshments during Fellowship Hour hosted by Rev. Bruce Southworth and Kay Xanthakos.

Metro NY UU Christian Fellowship Advent Gathering

Wednesday, December 14, 6:30-7:30 pm, Chapel
Rev. Mark Cutolo, Membership Coordinator at Fourth Universalist, will be leading a seasonal gathering of the local chapter. Everyone is invited.

Deck the Halls – Community's Holiday Party

Sunday, December 18, 12:15 pm, Assembly Hall
We invite you to a special Fellowship Hour as we celebrate the Holidays together. The Classical Vocal Arts for Children will present a short concert. Please bring a favorite dish or dessert to share. Santa will join us too!

Kwanzaa Sunday – Sunday, January 1, 11 am, Hall of Worship
Kwanzaa is a Pan-African celebration of family, community, and culture. The service will include elements for all ages and children are welcome!

Let's Get Acquainted!

Sunday, January 22, 12:45-1:30 pm, Conference Room

What does it mean to be a Unitarian Universalist? What does it mean to be a member of Community Church? In order to help answer these questions, we offer our Pathways Classes. This session is led by Rev. Bruce Southworth, our Senior Minister. He will share his journey and brief history of the church. This session will give people a chance to ask questions about our church as well as what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist.

Quarterly Congregational Meeting – Sunday, January 29,

12:45 pm, Assembly Hall
Everyone is welcome to attend. Voting Members will be voting on several matters. Lunch will be available.

Governance/Committee Meetings:

(Check Announcements for holiday changes)

Board of Trustees Meetings – 4th Wednesdays, 6 pm, Gallery

Church Council Meetings – Meets Quarterly (next mtg. TBA)

6 pm Potluck, 6:30-7:30 pm Meeting, Gallery

Finance Committee – 3rd Wednesdays, 6 pm, Gallery

Buildings and Grounds Committee – 1st Mondays, 6 pm, Conference Room

UN and Global Affairs Committee – 2nd Sundays, 1-2:15 pm, Conference Room

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Other Opportunities.

Esperanto Society Third Fridays, 7 pm, 3rd Floor Classroom
(September-May)

Henry George School is offering classes at Community on various evenings. Community Church Members and Friends are welcome – no fee. For more information contact (212) 889-8020 or email info@hgsss.org.



Most Saturdays, 8 pm, Assembly Hall ~ www.peoplesvoicecafe.org

Here's what's coming up:

December 3: Charlie King & Bev Grant

December 10: Adele Rolider and Dave Dersham

December 17: Mai Hernon & Celtic Font + Marie Mularczyk
O'Connell & friends

December 24: Closed for Christmas / Winter holidays

December 31: Closed for New Year's Eve

January 7: Reggie Harris & Pat Wictor

January 14: Windborne + Robin Greenstein

January 21: Professor Louie & the Lewis Family

January 28: Closed for PMN Winter Gathering

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Sunday School – 11 am

All Children and Youth are Welcome!

Contact Esther Rosado, Director of Lifespan Religious Education
212-683-4988 ext. 23. erosado@ccny.org



Classical Vocal Arts for Children

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Events Calendar for December 2016

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1
7:00 Secular Humanist Book Society Book Club

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3
10:45 1st Saturday Feeding
12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani
12:45 Messiah Rehearsal
3:00 Gallery35 Glass and Gold Closing Reception

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4
9:30 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Morning Worship
11:00 Sunday School
12:15 Fellowship Hour
12:30 Holiday Craft Fair
12:45 Messiah Rehearsal

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5
6:00 Buildings & Grounds

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6
5:30 Green Sanctuary Solar Salon Event
6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7
6:30 Gallery35 Meeting

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9
6:30 Henry George School

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10
12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani
12:45 Messiah Rehearsal
6:00 Gallery35 Works on Paper Artists' Opening Reception
8:00 Peoples' Voice Café

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11
9:30 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Morning Worship
11:00 Sunday School
12:15 Fellowship Hour
12:45 Worship Reflections
12:45 Classical Vocal Arts for Children
12:45 Young Adults Gathering
12:45 Messiah Rehearsal
1:00 UN Global Affairs Meeting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13
2:00 Social Tea
6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16
7:00 Esperanto Society

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17
12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani
12:45 Messiah Rehearsal
8:00 Peoples' Voice Café

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18
11:00 Morning Worship
11:00 Sunday School
12:15 Fellowship Hour
12:15 Deck the Halls Holiday Party
12:30 Classical Vocal Arts for Children Concert
12:45 Messiah Rehearsal

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20
6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21
6:00 Finance Committee
6:30 Messiah **Mandatory** Rehearsal

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23
Church Building
Closes 1 pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24
Christmas Eve Services
12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani
4:30 Candle Lighting Service
7:30 Messiah Concert

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25
12:00 **Christmas Day Hanukkah**
9:30 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Morning Worship
11:00 Sunday School
12:15 Fellowship Hour
12:45 Volunteer Choir
12:45 Classical Vocal Arts for Children

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26
Church Building Closed

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27
6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28
6:30 Board of Trustees

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30
Church Building
Closes 1 pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
New Year's Eve
12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani



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Credits & Guidelines

Members are encouraged to submit articles to *Community Connections*. The submission deadline is typically the first Wednesday of the month prior to issue date. Submissions can be emailed to info@ccny.org or hand delivered to the Church. Articles submitted are subject to proofing and editing for clarity, brevity, grammar, punctuation, spelling and content.

SAVE THE DATE ~ CONGREGATIONAL QUARTERLY MEETING

Sunday, January 29, 12:45 pm

Plan to attend our quarterly Congregational Meeting. All members who joined prior to October 23, 2016, and have made a "financial contribution of record" are eligible to vote. Please contact Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, if you have any questions.



FUND FOR HOLIDAY GREENS

Each holiday season, our worship space is transformed with fragrant pine, bright red poinsettias, all bathed in the glow of candlelight.

And in the Assembly Hall stands a Christmas tree decorated with beautiful ornaments, many of them handmade by the children.

You can help make this traditional beauty possible by making a contribution to the HOLIDAY GREENS.

All contributions will be acknowledged in the Community Connections.

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Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____
(please mark envelope "Greens")



Events Calendar for January 2017

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

New Year's Day

Kwanzaa

9:30 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Morning Worship
11:00 Sunday School
12:15 Fellowship Hour

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

Church Building Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani
7:00 Streetsingers

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

6:30 Gallery35

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

7:00 Secular Humanist Book Club
6:30 Speech Support

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

10:45 First Saturday Feeding
12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani
8:00 People's Voice Café

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

9:30 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Morning Worship
11:00 Sunday School
12:15 Fellowship Hour
12:45 Worship Reflections
12:45 Classical Vocal Arts for Children
1:00 UN & Global Affairs Meeting

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

6:00 Buildings & Grounds

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani
6:30 Green Sanctuary
Solar Salon Series
7:00 Streetsingers

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

7:00 Esperanto Society

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani
8:00 People's Voice Café

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

9:30 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Morning Worship
11:00 Sunday School
12:15 Fellowship Hour
12:45 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Church Building Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani
7:00 Streetsingers

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

6:00 Finance Committee

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

6:30 Speech Support

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

9:30 Choir Rehearsal
9:45 UN Global Affairs
11:00 Morning Worship
11:00 Sunday School
12:15 Fellowship Hour
12:45 Classical Vocal Arts for Children
12:45 Let's Get Acquainted
12:45 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani
7:00 Streetsingers

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

6:30 Board of Trustees

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani
8:00 People's Voice Café

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

9:30 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Morning Worship
11:00 Sunday School
12:15 Fellowship Hour
12:45 **Congregational Quarterly Meeting**

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

6:30 Studying Humanism

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

2:00 Social Tea



Rev. Bruce Southworth, Senior Minister

Esther Rosado, Director of Lifespan Religious Education

Gerald A. Brown, Director of Music

Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator

Jeffrey Loveland, Interim Church Administrator

Julio Torres, Student Minister

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